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New Bedford Cordage Compy

Jos. Rickitson — Wm. J. Rotch
Prest. Treasr.

Bot of Wm. C. Taber & Son

Mo 1. 1847

Rec 712.25

Paid for me This Bill for 1846

N B. Cordage Compy

Invo 1846

Recy 1847

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[illegible] Dec. 31. 1846

Mess. [illegible] Edison [illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible] —

Enclosed you will find [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] amount [illegible] $772.41 [illegible] 2.77 = 775.18 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I trust you will [illegible] to [illegible] a [illegible] supply of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible]

72½ yds of No 3
160 " " " 4

[illegible]

72½ yds of No 2
160 " " 4

New Bedford Jan 9th 1866

Thos Simmons Esq

Dear Sir —

Enclosed you find Check on Suffolk Bank for $170 86/100 being amt of Prem on Pol. on the receipt of which please acknowledge —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

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New Bedford Jan 3rd 1866

Thos Simmons Esq

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed you have check on Suffolk Bank for $[illegible] being amt of Bill - for the receipt of them. Please acknowledge —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford 1 Mo [illegible]

J. B. Tobey Esq

Dear Sir

We received your favor [illegible] dollars [illegible] came [illegible]. We cannot find the bills we have settled. We can find no such person as [illegible] Tabor if you know [illegible] & where he is to be found please [illegible] to him & we will pay him at any date. Let us know what disposal we shall make of the balance say 9.50

Yours very Respectfully

S. A. Thompson

Clerk [illegible]

[illegible]

Recd Check on [illegible] Bank [illegible]

By [illegible] Blake [illegible] 4.32

[illegible] 10.70

[illegible] 1.87

Balance on hand [illegible]

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New Bedford [illegible]/12 1847

I. B. Tobey & Co.
Gentm } We call in with the Sailor this p.m. & enclosed please find his bill receipted

Yours Respy

A. Hummer
Clerk N.B. Draper(?)

[illegible] expecting to receive
[illegible] Lading of the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] you [illegible] a
your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mr Evans informs
me that you have the [illegible]
one of 18 Tons [illegible]
15 [illegible]
[illegible] by
for which I will give you $140 per ton
6 mos [illegible] to accept the
please [illegible] your [illegible]

Yours Respectfully
[illegible]

P.S. I should like to make the [illegible] payable [illegible]
[illegible] if agreeable to you.

New Bedford Jan 9 /47

Rawson Burnet Esq

Dear Sir — I have been daily expecting to receive your Bill Lading of the Hemp & quality Bot of you as per your Bill rend or your favor of 6th I have forwarded this as at your earliest convenience —

Mr Evans informs me that you have three lots of Hemp

One of 18 Bales a Superior article
" " 65 " " Fair
" " 41 " " bad —

for which I will give you $140 pr ton 6 mos — If you choose to accept that please notify me in your next

Yours Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas N.B. Cordage Co

P.S. I should like to make the note payable in Boston if agreeable to you.

[illegible] Jan 9 1847

[illegible] Barnett Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

New Bedford Jan 11. 1846.

A. R. Stickney Esq

Dear Sir -

I have this day drawn on you at 9 mo. from Oct 2d/46 favor of Jos Robbins for $1500 on a/c Mr Loring to which please honor.

As the oil now standing up on a/c I should like to hear from you on a/c to the 1st inst.

Cordage has risen in consequence of the great scarcity of hemp. We are holding American at 11 & Manilla @ 10½.

There is hardly any hemp in New York or Boston and the holders are asking from thirty to forty Dolls a ton more than they were two months ago. There is little prospect of its falling soon.

Before closing any sale please write us as the price may vary from time to time.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm & Robt Treasr

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New Orleans Dec 11. 1846

Mr. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir —

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Jan 12. 184

J. C. Wild Esq
Cashier Boston Bank

Dear Sir
Above you have
Check on Suffolk Bank for $2691.50
being am^t of N B Cordage Co's note which
falls due I believe at your Bank
the 13th though I have not the notice of it
please return the note & oblige yours

Wm R Rotch Treas

New Bedford Jan 13. 1847

Francis [illegible] Barrett Esq

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 11th is this morning rec'd. Above I send you the N. B. Cordage Co's note for 2078.51/100 at 6 mos from 5th being for amt. of your Bill 126 Bales Manilla Hemp for which please send me your Bill receipted.

It is much more convenient for us to make our payments in Boston as we have accounts there & remittances are more easily returned. I thank you for the accommodation. We do not consider the price of the 41 Bales at 135 sufficiently tempting.

Yrs Respectfully Wm Rotch Junr

New Bedford Jan 13. 1847

Wm L. Gunnison Esq

Dear Sir –

Mr Evans informed me that you wished to know at what price we would furnish you with an invoice of Manilla Cordage similar to the one last sold you – In reply I would say that owing to the rise of Manilla & the great demand for cordage we are now asking 10¢ less 3 pct for cash – We would be happy to sell you at the cash price –

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas N.B. Cordage

New Bedford Jan 15. 1847

G. R. Stickney Esq

Dear Sir – [illegible]

therefore propose to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford Jan 15. 1847

J. E. Hoyle Esq

Dear Sir, Mr Evans has informed me that you would purchase [illegible] for the N.B. Cordage Co [illegible] & that he authorized you to purchase 100 Bbls. If you can obtain the [illegible] I should like you to forward me [illegible] [illegible] what can be done.

[illegible] to Jan 12th [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas N.B. Cordage.

New Bedford Dec 13. 1847

Wm L. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir -

We have been informed [illegible] that you [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] with an [illegible] of Manilla Cordage [illegible] you - [illegible] 3 months [illegible] Manilla [illegible] for [illegible] at 10 ¢ [illegible] 3 [illegible] [illegible] you at [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 13. 1847

J. E. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir

We have been informed that you would purchase [illegible] for the [illegible] 10 Bbls. If you [illegible] [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Jan 15. 1847

H. R. Stickney Esq

Dear Sir Yrs of Jany 7 & 9 enclosing a/c current to Jan 9 & check for $300 were duly recd. The former is found correct & satisfactory & the latter to the cr. of a/c current. I wrote you on the 11th notifying of Dft in favor of J. Ricketson for $500 at 9 ms from Oct 21st & also of the great scarcity of Hemp & rise of Cordage which I presume you recd.

Mr Evans has overlooked the [illegible] for [illegible] & consequently omitted to make it. He says he cannot tell what it will cost till he has made some. He therefore proposes to send you a lot as a sample of the [illegible] of it which we can then immediately fix the price. We will forward the same as soon as possible —

Yrs Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford Jan 15. 1847

Messrs Rawson & Smith
Gent —

As we are now closing all our a/c for past year Please forward a/c to Jan 1st 47 & oblige

Yours Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas N.B.C.C.

New Bedford Dec 15. 1847

H. R. Hathaway Esq

Dear Sir — [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 15. 1847

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Jan 15-1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gentlemen -

Your favor of 13th with memo for three Gangs of Rigging is this morning recd. The Gangs will be made & forwarded as specified. Owing to the very great scarcity of American & Manila Hemp we have been obliged to advance our prices still more. We have been obliged to pay $40 more per ton for the same kind of American Hemp than we did three months ago. How long this scarcity & consequent advance in price will continue I cannot tell. But it will not be any lower while freights are so high & the demand in England so great. Before contracting at present for cordage please write to us as the prices may recede. We are now selling at following prices which we will [illegible] you to [illegible] our endeavor at

1st Quality American 9¢
2d Do 8¢
Manila Cordage 10¢
Bolt Rope 11¢

for Wm Rotch Jr.

New Orleans Jan 15. 1847

Messrs Lindsay & Richardson

Baltimore —

[illegible]

Brig Pantheon & owners to Wm J. Rotch Dr.

New Bedford Jan 15. 1847.

Messrs Thomas Cobb.

Gentlemen We wrote you last on the 9th [illegible] since which time we have not heard from you. Hemp has been steadily advancing until we are now paying $40 more for the same kind than we did three months ago. Owing to this we are obliged to hold our Cordage at higher rates. The price may vary however and when you have an opportunity to contract please write before closing as the prices can hardly be said to be fixed now. At present we wish you to ask

For	Manilla	10 ¢	Jan 15/47
	A. Hemp 1st Quality	11 ¢	
	2d	8 ¢	6 mos
	Bolt Rope	11½ ¢	

[illegible] you have [illegible] to 1st inst. As we are [illegible] Respectfully Wm Rotch Jr [illegible] you with [illegible] interest from Jan 1st to time when you remit. [illegible] to have [illegible] your [illegible]

Yours Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treasr

1846 45.00
387.46

Brig Pantheon & ow.

To Wm J. Rotch Dr.

1846 5 Mo 28	For Bill Iron Hoops due this day		45.00
6 Mo 27	" Bill Cordage		387.46
1847 1 Mo 1	" Interest on above to date		13.46
1846 7 Mo 16	By Cash of A.D. Richmond & Co	291.83	
1847 1 Mo 1	" Interest on same to date 5.15	8.01	
"	" Balance Cash this day Carried to new acct	147.08	
		445.92	445.92

1847 1 Mo 1	To Balance above due this day	147.08

E.E. ~~Wm J Rotch Treasr~~

New Bedford Jan 15/47

Calvin C. Adams.

Dear Sir. Above you have acct to 1st inst. As we are desirous of closing our outstanding a/c you will much oblige us by remitting the above Bal with interest from Jan 1st to time when you remit. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Yrs Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treasr

Messrs Cahoon & Lymand
Portland Maine

In Acct. with
New Bedford Cordage Co

1	To amt. of Sundry Invoices Cordage in 1846 due by average Feb 15th 1847	2705.34	
12	By check on Market Bk Boston this day		500.00
	Int. approx.		12.25
	Freight from Boston to Portland on 33,9?? lbs Cordage 10 per 100 lbs		33.90
	2½% Commission on amt. above 2705.34		67.63
	Balance due 5 mo 15/47		2090.98
		2705.34	2705.34
1847 Jan 15	To Balance as above 5 mo 15/47	2090.98	
	By draft at 4 mos from Feb 15 1847 favor of Benjamin S. Rotch payable in Boston at Bank		2090.98
		2090.98	2090.98

Yrs Respectfully

E. & O. E. New Bedford Feb 15. 1847

Wm J. Rotch Treasurer

whenever we have any orders we shall be happy to ... & to satisfy you if possible

New Bedford Dec 15. 1827

[illegible]

Gentlemen — Annexed I send you [illegible]

[illegible] for which I have drawn on you [illegible] which please honour [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours respectfully [illegible]

Whenever you have any [illegible] be happy to [illegible]

New Bedford Jan 16. 1847.

Jno L. Landfear Esq.

Dear Sir — Above you have draft for $139.22/100 being am^t Capt. Reed's bill on ye firm by 4 mos. [illegible] as advised in yr of 13th. Please acknowledge receipt of above & oblige yours &c

Wm R Rotch —

New Bedford Jan 16. 1847.

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] of you by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the whole [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas. [illegible]

New Bedford Jan 16. 1847.

Messrs Atkins & Smith

Gents — I have been expecting to receive from you an a/c sales of the [illegible] sent you for sale. In my letter of August 1846 I requested you to close them at auction if you could not dispose of them in any other way. Please inform me what disposition has been made of them — Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas. [illegible]

[illegible] Dec 16. 1847.

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir — We have your check for $139.25/100 being [illegible] [illegible] 13th Please acknowledge [illegible] & oblige yours

[illegible] —

[illegible]

New Bedford Augst 3 1841

Messrs Smith & [illegible]
Messrs Rozier & Smith

Gentlemen

Gentlemen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of Caleb [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] compare our prices for Cordage which are higher than [illegible] [illegible] please the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

hands of Benj. [illegible] & the firm of Almy

Patterson & [illegible] Boston and send the

[illegible] [illegible] first quality 9¼ [illegible]

[illegible] Respectfully [illegible] Rotch [illegible] 9¾ [illegible]

Manila Cordage

Yours Respy

Wm J. Rotch [illegible]

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New Bedford Jany 25. 1847

Messrs Benn & Smith

Gentlemen

Yours of 22d. is recd. Below I annex our prices for Cordage which are higher than last year on account of rise in Hemp.

Tarred Cordage first quality	9¾	6 mos cr.
— — second —	8¾	or
Manila Cordage	9½	3½ % for Cash

Yours Respy

Wm. J. Rotch Treasurer

New Bedford Jan 27 1847

Mess J. E. Doyle

Dear Sir. Yours of Dec 22 rec'd. In regard to shipping the Car [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was a few weeks in the [illegible] of finding a vessel coming here direct by which to send it. The cost would be considerably more to get it by way of Boston. We often have vessels come from Norfolk here and perhaps you may find one in a week or two. If not & when you have purchased the Car please write me again

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas.

N. B. Cordage Co

New Bedford Jan 27th/47

John S. W. Bates [illegible]

Gentlemen — Yours of 23 is at hand. We have so many orders now on hand that we should be unwilling to engage any more at present as at this season of the year we cannot turn them out with as much despatch and promptness as usual —

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Jan 27. 1847
Messrs McGregor & Morris
Gent^n Since writing you on the 16th
I am without any of yr favors. I write now
to ask if you have any good (not) unretted
Hemp and what you ask for it? Have you
shipped the Cordage by Mr Rowland yet?
Yrs Respectfully Wm Rotch Treas Cordage Co.

New Bedford Jan 28. 1847
Mr Cyrus Alger [illegible]
South Boston Dear Sir
[illegible]
[illegible] 31. being [illegible] yr Bill against
[illegible] cordage [illegible]
[illegible]
Yrs Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford Jan 29. 1847

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]

Gentlemen — Your favor of 27th [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] $2537. [illegible]

payable in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] If you cannot

use this I will make it payable in New York

though it is a great deal better for us to have

it as it is. Our notes to Messrs [illegible] [illegible]

are all made payable in Boston and they have

used them I believe without difficulty —

I think the [illegible] [illegible] out will be

[illegible] [illegible] —

[illegible] Wm [illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford Jan 29. 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gentlemen — Yours of Jan 27 [illegible] the other morning

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

about $240. [illegible] [illegible] which is nearly 11¢ per lb.

We should charge therefore 11¢ per lb. for the

same [illegible] mentioned [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

as you request by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

Wm [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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New Bedford Feb 3. 1847

Messrs Wm Gaspy & Morris

Gentlemen - Your favor of 29. & 30 with
Bill Lading & Bill of 53 Bales Manilla Hemp
on board the Acta an [illegible] above you have
note for the amt viz $1344.46 payable at Boston Bank,
the receipt of which please acknowledge

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Junr

P.S. If you think the lot of [illegible] held at 11 1/5
with [illegible] them forward by first opportunity
five Bales as a sample

New Bedford Feb 3. 1847

Messrs Wm Neild & Co

Gentlemen —

My object in writing you at this time is to ascertain if you can attend to the purchasing of American Hemp [illegible] in case it is an object for us to purchase [illegible] — The matter of course will depend upon the price & freight to Liverpool or Bremen. Your answer to the annexed enquiries together with the price above will oblige [illegible].

If you can [illegible] your [illegible] Hemp [illegible] in your market for such [illegible] & is it [illegible] quality [illegible].

What would be the freight [illegible] to [illegible] & Bremen.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

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New Bedford Feb 3. 1847

Messrs Plume & Co

Gent. Yr favor of 26 is due.
In case no vessel offers for New Bedford on receipt of this I think it will be best to send the [illegible] by way of New York. If the "Pomona" (Schr) of this Place is now in Norfolk bound for New York or she very likely is, you may ship it by her. If not the Schr William will probably be there shortly & you could ship by her. Please inform me at any rate what you can get it taken to New York for & what you would have to pay to send it to Boston. If you can get us 100 Bbls more at $2.00 you may do so unless you think it will be lower & wiser for our interest to purchase later.

Yrs Respectfully. Wm J Rotch Treas. N.B. Cordage

New Bedford Feb 6. 1847.

Mess Barnes & Sturdivant

Gent. Yours of 1st was duly rec'd and I send you today Sample of the Cordage named which Mr Wm R. Rodman ordered.

With regard to the Prices I sent you — the 1st Quality is for the Best American Hemp which is the best American Rope which can be made. The 2nd Quality is such as is usually made of the [illegible] Hemp & is very good but not equal to the first. Hemp is so high & cordage in such demand that we cannot vary from the prices sent you in yours of 25th. And if Mr Barnes or any other Purchaser will look at the Prices current and see the quotation of Hemp he will at once perceive that if any body attempts to sell Cordage lower he must either cheat him or himself.

Respectfully

Wm Rotch Jr Treas

Manila Cordage 12 1/2

Lines 12 1/2

Bolt Rope 14 1/2

Manila 12 1/2

Point Rope 13 1/2

for cash

New Bedford Feb 6 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin & Co

In accordance with your request I have this day drawn on you at sight for Bal. of our a/c $ [illegible] 64/100 — We hope you will be able to sell a considerable quantity of Cordage for us this year —

Respectfully Yours
Wm Rotch Jun

In consequence of the great increase in price & scarcity of Hemp prices have advanced with us. We are now selling as follows

Tarred Cordage	94	6 mos or 3½ pct for cash —
" Lines	124	
Manilla Cordage	9¾	
" Lines	124	
Bolt Rope	144	
Marline	124	
Point Rope	134	

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New Bedford Feb 6. 1847

P. W. Parkinson Esq

Dear Sir —

Enclosed you have Invoice of Thirty four Coils of Cordage Bal. of order for New Ship sent to R. Road this morning & which will I trust reach you on Monday & prove satisfactory —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford Feb 9. 1847

J. J. Barnett Esq

Dear Sir — I hand you a One [illegible] note for $35.37 88/100 [illegible] when I have not heard from you. Please inform me by return mail if you rec'd it & oblige

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford [illegible]

Mess P[illegible] & Co —

[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] Bill [illegible] lading 50 Bbls Tar per Sch Jane [illegible]. I hope you will soon be able to forward the Bal at fair rates. [illegible] you to [illegible] of 3d with regard to purchase of [illegible] [illegible]

I remain yrs Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas

[illegible] August [illegible] 15. 184[illegible]

Miss [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

N.B. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I have [illegible] a couple lines [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible]

Your favor of 1st [illegible] & contents

[illegible] Your [illegible] are [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

opportunity [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at last [illegible]

[illegible] &c. [illegible]

subject [illegible] - [illegible]

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 2 mo 16th 1847

Messrs Hanaard & Richardson.
Bath Maine
Gentlemen.

We enclose Invoice of Cordage for Gang now marked H ordered in yours of 9th inst. Sent to Boston this day Care E. Wright Jr T Wharf. with orders to forwarded to you per first opportunity. The Gangs Nos 1.2.3 are all ready for shipment at your order. Please let us hear from you on receipt of this Gang. Hoping it will give good satisfaction We remain

Yours Respfly
L. N. Plummer
Clerk N.B. C. Co.

New Bedford 2 mo 6th 1867

Messrs Houghton & Brothers

Bath Maine

Gents

We received invoice of cordage for Barque [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the [illegible] sent to Boston this day [illegible] [illegible] to T [illegible] [illegible] which was to forward to you [illegible] first opportunity. The [illegible] No 1.2.3 are all ready for shipment at your order. Please let us hear from you on receipt of this [illegible]. Hoping it will give good satisfaction we remain

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

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Robt. Hooper Esqr [illegible] Hill [illegible]

Marblehead Mass.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the [illegible] [illegible] would have been replied to sooner but for my absence from town. Owing to the great scarcity of Hemp and the consequent high price at which it is held we have been obliged to fix our price as annexed and at present there is a probability of an advance rather than a decline. Our orders are now large & we should want to know sometime before if any thing were to be sent at your place. We make two kinds of Cordage, one from the [illegible] Hemp which we call [illegible] and the other from the [illegible] which is [illegible]. Upon the prices below we should allow you 2½ % Commission. Our credit is 6 months from delivery and Interest after that time, though we prefer not to give a longer credit than 4 mos if it can be avoided.

Tarred Cordage 1st. quality	[illegible]	9½	
2d.	[illegible]	8½	[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]	[illegible]	14	
American Do.	[illegible]	12	
Manila Cordage	[illegible]	10	[illegible]
Houseline & Marline [illegible] per lb.			

Your Respy

[illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford 2 mo 22^d 1847

Messrs Houghton & Richardson
Bath Maine } Gentm.

Your favor from Boston of 18th is recd & contents noted. I am also in receipt of a letter from the Plymouth firm of 17th inst. informing me that Messrs Day & Swan had fixed the prices of Cordage as follows:

Unhackled American Cordage 8½ 8½

Manila Cordage 9¾ 9¾

my present opinion is that prices will be higher before they are lower. For the Ship you name we should charge for Cordage

Hackled American Cordage 9¼ } 9¼
Unhackled 8½ }
Manila Cordage 9¾ 9¾ } 6 months
Boltrope 12 }

[faint offset text from another page: Your favor wishing to know how many ... engaged ... We had ... came ...]

For running rigging we will furnish tarred before sent you except the American Hemp on which we must advance ½ a cent on the unhackled & ¼ of a cent on the Hackled making the former 8½ & the latter 9¼ as above — The Yarn Store has gone forward & we warrant it and any rope we send you to be equal in quality & finish to any which Robbins can turn out.

Thine &c

Wm J. Rotch Treas.
per CG Plummer

New Bedford 9 Mo 12th 1809

Messrs Lumsden & Mackintosh
Bath Maine

Gents.

Your favor from Boston of 1st inst is recd & contents noted. I now also the receipt of a letter from the [illegible] of the 4th inst. informing me that their Duck [illegible] at the price of Duck as follows:

Manchester [illegible] Cordage [illegible]

Manila Cordage [illegible]

[illegible] & that price [illegible] they are [illegible]. For the ship you name [illegible] Cordage for [illegible]

Manchester
Manila Cordage
[illegible]

[illegible] we [illegible] & hope that you [illegible] [illegible] on which we [illegible] on the Manchester & [illegible] on the [illegible] the former & the latter as above [illegible] from your [illegible] & [illegible] it [illegible] & [illegible] which [illegible]

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 2 mo 23d 1847

Messrs Crocker & Co
Gentm } Your favor wishing to know how many hoops we had engaged at $85.— Came duly to hand. We had agreed with one of our Coopers to take from 1 to 2 tons more & presume he will expect them, Otherwise we hold the balance at $90.— as advised

Yours Respfly
Wm J. Rotch
per L. A. Plummer

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New Bedford 2 mo 23rd 1847

Messrs Crocker & Co

Gentlemen

Your favor wishing to know how many barrels we had engaged at 85c came duly to hand. We had agreed with one of our Coopers to take from 1 to 2 hundred more & presume he will expect them. Otherwise we hold the balance at 90c as advised.

Yours Respy Wm J. Rotch

per L. H. Plummer

[illegible] Feb 25 1847

Messrs [illegible] Feb 25. 1847

Gent.

[illegible] 13th inst [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] $135 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] great

difference in what [illegible]

[illegible] particulars [illegible]

the [illegible] —

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible] —

Respectfully

Wm [illegible]

New Bedford Feb 25. 1847

Mess. Kendall & Richardson
Gent—
Your fav of 22d is rec'd—
We are sorry to find you have made the sale
so low to the [illegible] as Hemp is absolutely
advancing and as you will see by our last
letter to your neighbor in Boston there prices were
you say you agreed for Hackled at 84. This
we think must be a mistake as by ours of
the 11th we notified you that the price
of first Quality of Hackled was 94
2d of do do 84
We could not afford the former any less than 94
Please send us the order as soon as you can
get it that we may have enough time to
make it. We wish you to hold our
orders in future strictly at the prices
last sent you in ours of 22d and as at the
present price of Stock we cannot sell
any less—

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch
Jr & Co

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New Bedford

Bourne Spooner Esq.

New Bedford Feb 26. /47

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent

[illegible] Yours of 24 is duly recd. In reply

I would say that our 1st Quality American is all hackled hemp of the best quality - Our 2d Quality is part hackled and much better than what is usually sold for 2d [illegible] being made of unhackled [illegible] - [illegible]

[illegible] 3d Quality would [illegible] make the [illegible] for the [illegible] the same. Our orders are now so large that before [illegible] the time [illegible] would [illegible] at what time they would be wanted -

The price of Cordage [illegible] with you - We are now [illegible] at the same prices [illegible] But instead of lowering the price we should be more inclined to advance - But as I said before we wish you would write us before contracting for any large quantity as the prices are [illegible] and [illegible] may change - at present we would [illegible] adhere strictly to these [illegible] The [illegible] shall be forwarded as soon as [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Feb 27 1847

Bourne Spooner Esq

Dear Sir:

Your favor of 11th inst rec^d & would have been answered before but for absence from town. As the amount of Manilla Hemp now due is — I would think 9¼ [illegible] for the cordage. There appears in my opinion to be a difference of about one cent per lb between the tarred & untarred. If you are so disposed I should agree to have the price of that kind of cordage at 9½ instead of [illegible]. If you would prefer to make the change please notify [illegible] agent [illegible] & [illegible] arrange to [illegible] the [illegible]—

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] March 1. 1787

Messrs [illegible] Richardson

[illegible] = A

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	6	$9\frac{1}{4}$	
[illegible]		$9\frac{1}{2}$	} 6 [illegible]
[illegible]	6	$8\frac{1}{2}$	
[illegible]	6	10	
[illegible]		12	

New Bedford March 3d 1847

J. C. Knight Esq

Dear Sir

If the Manilla (Bolt Rope) have not yet [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bale [illegible] [illegible] you can get it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we shall [illegible] [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford March 3. 1847

Messrs Thomas [illegible]

Hatchel Cordage 9 [illegible]

Unhatchel [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] you of a further advance in [illegible] of Cordage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The demand is so great that we have been obliged to advance [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] of Hemp -

	Hatchel Cordage	$9\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	} [illegible]
Unhatchled	do	$8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	} 6 mo
Manilla	do	11 ¢	
Bolt Rope		12 ¢	

Yours Respectfully [illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford March 3d 1847

[illegible] New Bedford March 3d 1847

Messrs Bean & [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

have as much as we can [illegible]

[illegible]

of Russia [illegible] at 9 1/2 [illegible]

[illegible]

Cordage & we must have our price [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] we can [illegible]

in [illegible]

[illegible] in good season

Yours.

Russia Cordage @ 9 1/2 ¢

American do (common) 8 1/2

Manilla Cordage 10 ¢

Bolt Rope 12 ¢

[illegible] March 4 1847

Yr Respectfully

Wm. R. Rotch

On Boston for $137.50 [illegible]

which please acknowledge

Yr Respy

[illegible]

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New Bedford March 3d 1847

Messrs Brown & Smith

Gent= Yr favor of 1st & 2nd

We have as much as we can do at the annexed list of prices which are the lowest at which we are now willing to sell. As the Waring has sailed please send forward by Letter—

Hackled American Hemp Cordage	$9\frac{1}{2}$	4
Unhackled " "	$8\frac{1}{2}$	4
Manilla Cordage	10	4
Bolt Rope	12	4

Yours
Respectfully Wm R Rotch Jun

New Bedford March 4/47

Thos Simmons Esq

Dear Sir:

Above you have check on Boston for $137.50 amt of Bill [illegible] of Wells. which please acknowledge =

Yrs Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Jun

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New Bedford March 4. 1847

B. B. Haskell Esq

Dear Sir

Yr favor of 3d is this morning rec'd. In reply would say that we have now large orders at prices even higher than those furnished you and so great is the demand for Cordage and scarcity and consequent high prices of Hemp that it will not be possible for Manufacturers to furnish good Cordage even at present prices much longer unless the price of Hemp should recede. Under these Circumstances I do not wish to vary from the prices furnished you at least for the present.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. R. Rotch Treas.
N.B. Cordage Co

N. 6

Boston March 4. 1847

B. Hallett Esqr
Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible] Treas.
[illegible]

New Bedford March 5/47

Isaac Clapp Esq

Dear Sir — I wrote you on the 3rd inst requesting you to send us Fifty Bales Manilla if the Son had not arrived. Since then I have not heard from you. Please write me on receipt of this — What can you contract to deliver from 500 to 800 Bales of Manilla for within two months?

An early reply will oblige yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Jr

New Bedford March 8. 47

I. Clapp Esq — Dear Sir —

Can you contract to deliver within [illegible] 500 a 800 Bales of Manilla in June at 6 3/4 — 6 mos & 1/2 [illegible]

Wm Rotch Jr

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Messrs Dufour March 3d 47

Dear Sirs [illegible] I wrote you
on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Bales Manila if you do not [illegible]
answer. Since then I have not heard from
you. Please write me on receipt of this —
What can you contract to deliver from 5 to 10
Bales of Manila for delivery this summer?
An early reply will oblige Yours Respectfully
Wm [illegible] Treas.

Messrs Dufour March 8/47

[illegible] Sirs [illegible]

Can you contract to deliver from 5 to 10
Bales of Manila [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Yours [illegible] Wm [illegible] Treas.

New Bedford March 5 - 1867

Messrs Kendall & Richardson
Gent--

Annexed we send you an Invoice of the Hawser & Cordage ordered by you. We have no unmarked Hemp now on hand consequently have been obliged to send Marked for your detail. The Manilla when sold by itself apart from the Gang should be at a higher price. Our prices continue about the same though they must advance, if the Demand continues so great & the Hemp does not come into market faster. Please notify us before making a large contract of the time when it the Cordage will be wanted as our orders are so large that we may not be able to supply it.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

P.S.
We will send you a sample of the Marked Cordage No.1 soon. We send 14 coils of Spunyarn of better quality than the last sent you. We charge for Manilla 15c & for [illegible] 12c when sold separately.

New Bedford March 8/47

Messrs Ringold & Richardson

Gent= Yr favor of 5th with memo for Rigging is rec'd & will be attended to. Hemp is constantly advancing. Manilla is now held at 8¢ in Boston. We are therefore obliged to advance our prices again as there is little prospect of a decline while freights continue so high. We annex a list of the prices at which we are now selling & at which we wish you to hold our Cordage until further advised.

13 Tarred	Hemp Cordage	9½ ¢	} 6 mos
Untarred	do	9 ¢	
Manilla	Cordage	10½ ¢	
[illegible] & Bolt Rope		12 ¢	

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas=

[illegible] March 9. 1827

[illegible]

Gentlemen

We have yours of 5th inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford March 8. 1847

Henry R. Sheffield Esq

Dear Sir — Owing to the rise in Hemp we are obliged to advance our prices a little more. Manilla Hemp is now held at 8¼ in Boston and while freights continue so high there is little hope of a decline. We annex a list of prices at which please sell our cordage until further advised —

Tarred Cordage 9½
Untarred "
Manilla " 10½ 4
Bolt Rope Manilla 12¾ } 6 mo

Yrs Respy Wm Rotch Junr

Boston March 8th 1787

Henry R. Hutton Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

New Bedford March 8th 1847

Messrs. F. & M. [illegible]

Gent. We wrote you on the 25th [illegible] requesting you to purchase 100 Bales of 1st Quality [illegible] Hemp if you could get it at $135. We write to inform you that if you can get 100 Bales of 1st quality [illegible] at the price named in yours of 15th ult. $95 you may do so [illegible] — [illegible] as [illegible]

[illegible]

N.B. ship to —

P.S.
If you cannot find a [illegible] vessel for this port we prefer one to Boston rather than New York unless there should be a difference of more than one Dollar in the freight, in which case you may ship to New York and advise us of the same in time to effect Insurance.

Philadelphia 53

New Bedford March 8/47

Messrs Delano & Grant
Gent:

Last Fall our Superintendant Mr Henry Evans had some communication with you on the subject of Hemp. My object in writing now is to ascertain if you have any Hackled or Unhackled - the Quality & price. If you will write me by return mail & send a duplicate to Mr Henry Evans at the Atlantic House New York you will much oblige yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas
of N Bedford Cordage Co

P.S. Is there any Manilla in your city and what is it held at?

Wm Rotch

Philadelphia

[illegible] March [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Henry Evans has been Communicating [illegible] on the Subject of Hemp. [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford March 9. 1847

Alex J. Davis Esq

Dear Sir - On settling up my a/cs for my new House I was very much mortified to find that I had omitted to pay you for the Plans - I believe I have never had any Bill from you & hence the cause of the omission I suppose. On referring to your letter I find that you agree to furnish all the plans including some working drawings of the principal business for $100. This I undoubtedly enclose & trust you will pardon the negligence -

Yours Respectfully -

Wm Rotch

P.S. Please acknowledge the receipt of this

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[illegible] March 9. 1817

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford March 10th /47

D. Clapp Esq

Dear Sir —

Yr favor of 9th inst.

I will take the 300 Bales at the rate you name 6½ 8mos from delivery. I should like to know as soon as possible what you can furnish 5 to 800 Bales for to be delivd in June or July as I have propositions from other sources but should give you the preference at same rates. Can you contract for Manila to be delivered in the Fall say Sept.?

Yrs Respectfully
Wm R Rotch Treas

New Bedford March 10/47

Stephen C. Phillips Esq

Dear Sir

Yr favor of 8th inst with Bill of Ten Bales Manilla $171.89 for which less three days int — do — 171.63

I send you check as above the receipt of which please acknowledge. Have you any Manilla for sale or do you expect any shortly & at what price?

Yrs Respectfully
Wm R Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co.

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New Bedford Mar 10th 27

D. Cliff Esq
Dear Sir —

[illegible]

New Bedford March 19/27

Stephen C. Phillips Esq
Dear Sir

I have yrs of 16 inst with
Bill of the Boat Hannah $171.89 for which
[illegible]
Cr 171.63

[illegible] Have you any [illegible]
for sale & do you expect any shortly & at what
price?

[illegible]

Wm Rotch Junr
Wm [illegible] Co.

[illegible]
[illegible] March 11. /67
[illegible]
[illegible]
Gent. [illegible]

That the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] By complying [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Respectfully [illegible]
[illegible]

P.S.
Capt. Sheppard may be found at the Store
of Slate Garland [illegible]

New Bedford March 11. /47

Lewis W. Tappan Esq

Dear Sir -

Mr Clapp informs me that the "Navigator" having on board 200 Bales of Hemp for the N Bedford Cordage Co has arrived in New York. As we are entirely out, I write to request you to have them shipped as soon as possible direct to N. Bedford instead of Boston. If there is any difference in the freight we of course will pay it. If you will notify Capt. C. G. Sheppard of the New Bedford Line of Packets he will take charge of it & ship it and relieve you of all trouble. By complying with the above request if in your power you will much oblige

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas.

P.S. Capt. Sheppard may be found at the Store of Slate Gardner & Howell

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P. M. Parkham

1846 New Bedford March 2/47

11 mo 24 [illegible] 660.42

1847 Mess [illegible] 340.11

I wrote [illegible] 1000.53 25th

& 9th since which have not heard from you. I find the Markets here are bare of Hemp consignments as no Stock is small. I wish you to purchase in addition to the lots mentioned in the above letters two hundred more (100 Hackled & 100 unhackled) at the lowest rate - you can & ship it immediately by the lowest freight you can find. If you have not written before the receipt of this please write & inform me what you have done.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

N.B. Cordage Co.

[illegible] Bill of Cordage [illegible] due by average 6/18/21 1847 for which please place your note at your convenience.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

N.B. Cordage Co.

P. M. Parkman

Bo't of New Bed^d. Cordage Co.

1846

11 m^o 24 To Bill as Rend^d — 660.42

1847

3 m^o 6 — 340.11

Due 6/18/21 1847 — $1000.53

New Bedford March 12/47

P. W. Parkman Esq

Respected Fr^d

Above you have Bill of Cordage for p Bark due by average 6/18/21 1847 for which please send me your note at your convenience

Yr Respectfully

Wm. Rotch Treas

N. B. Cordage Co.

Wm. Peckman [illegible] of New Orl. Exchange Co.

1846

Nov. 24 To Bill of Exch. ——— 660.42

Dec. 20 [illegible] ——— 340.11

Due 4/1/47 1847 ——— 1000.53

New Orleans March 12/47

W. Peckman Esq.

Dear Sir —

Above you have [illegible] of Exchange for yr Draft due by [illegible] 6/1/47 for which please [illegible] Our Credit as per [illegible]

[illegible] Respectfully Yours [illegible]

N.O. Exchange Co.

New Bedford March 13/47

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gentlemen — We have to inform you that we have this day advanced our prices in conformity with our Boston friends as follows. We wish however before contracting you would notify us as our orders are large & we may be unable to supply —

Tarred Cordage		11¢	6 mos
Untarred do		10¢	
Manilla do	11¢	10¾	
Boltrope & Marline		15¢	

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Rotch Jr.

NB Cordage to

[illegible] market for cordage is unsettled. [illegible] would write us before making contracts at present. Our prices now are

Tarred Cordage	10¢	
Untarred do	10¢	6 mos [illegible]
Manilla do	11 [illegible]	Please [illegible]
Boltrope & Marline	15¢ [illegible]	[illegible]

The order sent is so illegible that we are at a loss to make it out [illegible] Please send us [illegible] in your own writing. We cannot make out whether [illegible]

New Bedford March 13/47

B. B. Haskell Esq

Dear Sir. Your favor of 11th with order is recd and shall be attended to. You need not fear to compare our Cordage with any you can find - You can learn something about it in Portland or Bath in both of which places it stands No 1. We have never known the market for Cordage so unsettled. prices are constantly advancing - There is not a Bale of Hemp in New York or Boston & what is expected to arrive is mostly sold at high rates - We have had to advance our prices still more in consequence of this and our Stock is now so much reduced that we wish you would write us before making any more contracts at present. Our prices now are

Tarred Cordage	10¾		
Untarred do	10½	6 mos.	at which
Manilla do	11 & ~~10½~~		Please write cont.
Bolt Rope & Marline	15 & 14		further advance

The order sent is so illegible that we are at a loss to make it out. If you have a copy Please send us one in your own writing - We cannot make out whether the Hawser is to be 4 7/8 or 7 1/2
over

[illegible]

New Bedford 3 mo 13th 1847

Messrs Thomas & Cobb

Gentlemen

We have to inform you that we have this day advanced our prices in conformity with the Boston prices. We would however before contracting notify us as our orders are large & we may be unable to supply

Hackled Cordage		11c	
Unhackled	Do	10c	6 months
Manila	Do	11	
Boltrope & Tarred line		15	

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer clerk

P.S. Should like your Acct. Sales as soon as possible

New Bedford 3 mo 13th 1847

Messrs Burr & Smith
Gentlm }

We have to inform you that we have this day advanced our prices in Conformity with the Boston prices as follows

We wish however before Contracting you would notify us as our orders are large & we may be unable to Supply —

Hackled Cordage		11^d	6 mos —
Unhackled	Do.	10^d	
Manila	Do.	11^d	
Tarred & Manila Towlines		13^d	
Boltrope & Worm line		15^d	

Yours Respfly
L. A. Plummer Clerk
N. B. Cordage Coy —

P. S. Should like your Acct. Sales as soon as possible ___

New Bedford 3 mo 13th 1847

Messrs Bruce & Smith

Gentlemen

We have to inform you that we have this day advanced our prices in conformity with the Boston prices as below. We wish however before contracting you would notify us as our orders are large & we may be unable to supply—

Hackled Russia	11 c	6 mos—
Unhackled Do.	10 c	
Manila Do.	11 c	
Tarred & Manila [illegible]	13 c	
Boltrope & [illegible]	15 c	

Yours Respy J. H. Hammond Clerk
N. B. Cordage Co.

P.S. Should like your acct. sales as soon as possible

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New Bedford 3mo 13th 1847

H.R. Stickney Esqr
Dear Sir

We have to inform you that we have this day Advanced our prices in Conformity with the Boston prices as follows-
We wish however before Contracting you would notify us as our orders are large & we may be unable to Supply.

Hackled Cordage		11¢	
Unhackled	Do	10¢	6 mos.
Manila	Do	11¢	
Boltrope & Wormline		15¢	

Yours Respfly
L. A. Plummer Clerk
N.B. Cordage Co

New Haven June 13th 1847

H. N. Hitchcock Esqr.

Dear Sir

We have to inform you that we have this day Advanced our prices in Conformity with the Boston prices as follows -

We [illegible] however before Contracting you would notify us as our orders are large & we may be unable to supply.

Hackled Cordage	11c	}	6 mos.
[illegible] Do	10c		
Manila Do	11c		
Boltrope & Marline	13c		

Yours Respy J. N. Hammond & Co

[illegible]

New Bedford June 16th 1847

Messrs C. & A. Holley [illegible]
Plymouth

Dear Sirs
Your fav of 12th inst. Came duly to hand & Contents noted. Cordage has advanced with us since [illegible] these advances owing to the great scarcity of Hemp. We are now selling Manila Cordage at 10 Manila Bolt Towline 13c. Mr Stearns is now in Boston and will on his return fix a sort [illegible] price to compare with the Boston prices when we shall write you again.

If [illegible] is the [illegible] to ship [illegible] you must give us the order as long before the Cordage will be wanted as possible. As our orders are now large for some months ahead & should we have to make them we can do it to better advantage at a time when we have other orders to be filled.

Shall write you again by next Steamer if possible

Yours Resp[illegible]

C. A. Stearns
[illegible]

New Bedford March 17/47

Messrs Grayson & Simmons -
Gent -

Yr favor of 12th & also
Superintendant Wm Evans letter recd.
We are now asking the following prices for Cordage
at which we can furnish you &c

Tarred Cordage 11¢
Manilla do 10 1/2 ¢ } 6 mos -
Bolt Rope 14 ¢

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treasr
N B Cordage Co.

New Bedford 3 mo 17. 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin

Gentlemen } We have this day fixed our prices as follows

Tarred Cordage Hackled American	11^{c}	
Manila Do.	10^{c}	
Tarred & Manila Towlines	12½^{c}	
Boltrope	14^{c}	6 mos or
Worming	12½^{c}	3½ % off
Pointrope	14^{c}	for Cash

at which we wish you to hold our Cordage until further advised. On arrival of the next Steamer from Europe Manila Cordage will probably be still further advanced of which we shall inform you. Hoping to hear from you soon with further orders

We remain

Yours Respfully

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford March 15/47

J. Child Esq
Cashier Bristol Bank

Dear Sir

We have a note falling due at Boston tomorrow. We have [illegible] the [illegible] of it but I believe it is payable at your Bank. Above I send check for the amount $139.37. Please return me the note and oblige

Yr Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas
N.B. Lodge Co

New Bedford [illegible] 1847

A. J. Davis Esq

Dear Sir

Above is check for $50 being Bal due you for Plan Drawings &c as per your note of 12th the receipt of which please acknowledge. We have been in the Stone since November & it [illegible] well as the Building day. I shall not do anything about the Painting till the boards are well seasoned.

Yr Respectfully
Wm J R

[illegible] March [illegible]/37

[illegible] Esq.
Cashier [illegible] Bank

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:
Above is check for $[illegible] being
the amt. [illegible]
order of [illegible] the amount of which please acknowledge.
[illegible]
[illegible] Company. I shall not do
anything about the Paintings till the boxes are
well received.
Yours Respectfully
[illegible]

New Bedford March 14/47

Messrs Kendall & Chandler

Gent

Your favor of 11th inst. [illegible] Mr Stickney [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

We [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them [illegible] [illegible] attention.

We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which is to be delivered [illegible] [illegible] before the first of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of that [illegible] [illegible] make them at our convenience –

We are now [illegible] our prices [illegible] you last [illegible] Tarred Cordage 11¢ [illegible] –

Manilla do 11¢

We have now no unhackled Hemp and therefore cannot contract for unhackled Rope. Please inform them as we cannot furnish anything but Hackled and before contracting for any more Cordage we wish you to write us as our Engagements are now large & we may not be able to furnish. On the [illegible] you speak of we cannot contract any less than the above & for Manilla [illegible] we should charge 13¢ per lb.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford March 19/47

Messrs Jones & Hammond

Gent=

We have referred Mr Stickney or our Agent in Portland & we refer you to him the price — our lowest price now are

Tarred Cordage 11 ¢ }
Manilla do 11 ¢ } 6 mos. or
Bolt Rope [illegible] 15 ¢ } 3 per c off for Cash

Respectfully yours
N B. Cordage Co

New Bedford March 1/47

Henry R. Stebbing Esq
Dear Sir—

We are this day in receipt of a letter from Messrs Jones & Hammond of your Place asking price of Cordage. We have referred them to you. They want for a Bark of 400 tons. We are firm at our prices sent you on the 13th viz

Tarred Cordage	11¢	6 mos or
Manilla do	11¢	3 pr ct off for
Boltrope & Marline	15¢	Cash

We have no unmarked Hemp & cant get it & consequently cannot contract for that kind of Rope. The above are the lowest prices at which we can sell.

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas
of New Bedford Cordage Co

New Bedford March 19/47

L. Clapp Esq

Dear Sir -

We had in from New York 199 Bales of Manilla Hemp of which there were two large ones weighing as much as three of the usual size making the Bulk of 201 Bales. Upon these we have paid the freight from New York Fifty cents per Bale making $100 for the 201 Bales. In my letter to Mr Tappan & also in my conversation with you I agreed to pay the difference between the freight there & to Boston so that it should not cost the seller any more to deliver us the Hemp in New Bedford than it would to deliver it in Boston. Will you inform me what was the freight to Boston on the Bal of the Navigator's Cargo which went there that I may charge the difference.

Yours Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas

N B Cordage Co

As soon as the Steamer arrives I wish you would inform me what you can do on 600 Bales for delivered in May —.

New Bedford March 22/47

Mess Kendall & Richardson

Gent=

Gangs 5.6. & 7 are now done & 8 & 9 will be done in a few days. As we have not room at the Factory for so many we wish to send them forward. Please inform us if we can do so & if they are all to go to Balt.

We shall want to draw on you before long and should like to make the dft payable in Boston if agreeable to you. Please advise us also upon this point. No change as yet in prices. We are firm at those last sent you viz 11¼ for Manilla & Sunn. We have no Tow hackled and cant get it at present. Consequently cannot contract for that any lower.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Prest

N B Cordage Co

New Bedford March 2/47

Messrs [illegible]

New Bedford March 2/47

Messrs. Wm. Wild & Co.

Gent. Yr favor of 12th inst. [illegible] that the Hemp was [illegible] from the sale at [illegible] not have drawn the [illegible]. If you have not [illegible] purchased the 200 [illegible] for 12th [illegible] and draw on [illegible] 30 days. If there is little chance of [illegible] you may purchase 200 at one time & the other 200 in a fortnight after. But in this matter you will please use your judgment with regard to [illegible]. We want the best of each kind that can be had in the market.

[illegible] you in my former letter that I wish you to purchase 400 Bales of Hackled & 200 Bales of Unhackled Riga Rein Hemp.

Respectfully Yours Wm. Rotch Jr. Treas.
New Bedford Cordage Co.

It is better for us to have [illegible]
[illegible] if you pay $1.75 more a ton

New Bedford March 23. 1847

Mess Farrell & Stevens

Gent

Your favour of 22nd inst

I annex our prices for Cordage

Tarred Cordage		11¼	6 mos. approved paper or 3 per cent off for Cash
Manilla	do	11¾	
Bolt Rope Tarred		14¾	

Yours Respectfully Wm. Rotch Treas

of N.B. Cordage Co

John Deane Jr

Dear Sir, As we are sending forward considerable quantities of Cordage now, we wish to ask you if you can take charge of it & have it put on board the Eastern Boats when they want it. It may sometimes happen that the parcels may not be in Boston ready [illegible] the Cordage [illegible] on [illegible] In that case if [illegible] [illegible] in the Fall -

Yours Respectfully Wm. Rotch Treas

of N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford March 23. 1847

Mess Kendall & Richardson

Gentlemen — Your favor of 22nd inst [illegible] [illegible] Shall we make [illegible] [illegible] We wrote you yesterday [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully Wm. Rotch Treas

N.B. Cordage Co

Bradford March 23. 1817

Messrs Thomas & Sutton
Hull

Gentⁿ Your favor of 2[illegible] inst.
[illegible]

Havana Sugar 11 [illegible]
Manilla do 11 [illegible]
[illegible] 14 [illegible]

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

Bradford March 23. 1817

Messrs Duncan & Richardson
Gentlemen - Your favor of [illegible] inst.
We have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Yours Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford March 25/47

Mess Mitchell Brush

Dear Sir Your of 23rd

recd Your offer is considerably above our limits having purchased at much better rates. When your prices become same again we shall be happy to hear from you.

Respectfully Yours
Wm Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford March 29/47

John Beane Jr

Dear Sir. As we are sending forward considerable Quantities of Cordage now I write to ask you if you can take charge of it & have it put on board the Eastern Vessels when they want it. It may sometimes happen that the vessels may not be in Boston or ready to receive the Cordage immediately on its arrival at your depot. In that case it would be necessary to let it lay a day or two at the Depot. Can this be done and with safety. Please write me on this subject & also whether you have made an arrangement with Mr B. Shove to do the carting in Boston as we talked of in the fall -

Yr Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford March 3 57

Mess. Nathan [illegible]

Gents

Yours 27th is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible] B. Tucker & Co

New Bedford March 9 57

Wm Beane? Jr

Esq Dear Sir: As there are [illegible] [illegible] considerable quantities of [illegible] the Sale -

Yours Respectfully

[illegible] B. Tucker & Co

Navy Yard [illegible] Jan 27 1847

John Lane Jr. Esqr

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent: We send to Boston per Rail Road the following lots of Cordage to be shipped [illegible] freight [illegible] to Messrs Kendall & Richardson Boston Me — our orders are now large. We enclose Invoice of Gangs No 5 & 7

Gang marked	W.	44	Coils weighing	5422 lbs
Cordage ordered	M.	98		15444
Rail Road	H.	59		7176
Lot	O.	43		2293
		244	Coils weighing	30335 lbs
	A.	6		633 lbs
		250	Coils weighing	30668 lbs

~~We should like the above forwarded~~

We should like the above forwarded by one vessel if possible — but if not the different lots to go as they are marked —

Yours Respy

J. A. Plummer

Clerk

W B Cordage [illegible]

New Bedford March 27/47

Mess Rundall & Richardson

Gent: Your favor of 25. were rec^d. We do not like to contract in the way you mention & in fact doubt if we could contract to deliver a Gang in June as our orders are now large. We enclose Dimen of Gangs No 5. 6. & 7 & Bolt Rope for No 8 which with the Manilla Cordage ordered by you will go this afternoon by Rail Road -

Yrs Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas^r
NB Cordage Co

Gang No 5.	Marked	W.	44 coils	—	5422
" 6.	"	M.	98 "	—	15144
" 7.	"	H.	60 "	—	7176
Bolt rope " 8.	"	A.	6 "	—	633
Manila Cordage	"	O.	43 "	—	2293
			251		30,668 lbs

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New Bedford March 27/57

Messrs Benson & Richardson

Gent: Your favor of 23d was rec'd. [illegible]

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully Wm. J. Rotch Treas.
N.B. Cordage Co

Hemp	No 5	Marked W	44 bbls	—	5422
"	" 6	" M	98 "	—	15144
"	" 7	" H	60 "	—	7176
Bolt rope	" 8	" A	6 "	—	633
Manila Cordage		" O	43 "	—	2293
			251		30,668 lb

New Bedford March 29/47

B B Haskell Esq

Dear Sir. Yr favor of 26 is rec^d. We have succeeded in matching that your order and the same is now ready whenever the packet arrives. If you will write the day before yr packet leaves for Boston we will have the cordage in Boston ready for her. The coils are all marked so that you can make no mistake. The prices are varying so much that I should not be willing to contract so long before hand as you mention. We have already since writing you been obliged to advance the price of Tarred cordage one cent per lb and there is no immediate prospect of a decline while it may advance, owing to the great foreign demand & consequent scarcity of Hemp. I should prefer to wait until the cordage is wanted or else contract with the understanding that the order shall commence as soon as we get the cordage made. As we have now so many orders on hand I wish before making a definite contract you would write me as it might so happen that we could not fulfill it. You may contract for one Gang now at the annexed prices viz

Tarred Cordage 11¾ } Lower than which we are not
Manilla do 11¾ } 6 mos } willing to sell at present.
Bolt Rope & Marline - 15½ } 6 mos

yrs Respt Wm Rotch Jr Tr

New Bedford March 27/47

Messrs Thos Whitney & Co

Gent — What can you get for an Invoice of Manilla Cordage Running to three cents per last year? Prices have advanced very much with us. We get 10 readily. Of course you ought to get more to make it an object to ship it. Please write me on this subject and oblige

Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co —

New Bedford March 30/47

Messrs Alsop & Co

Gent — Your favor of 26th with bill on Boston for three hundred dolls to the credit of your account. [illegible] notice you remarks upon the balance of oil & candles. The price of these articles especially the former has advanced so much that it will probably prove more for my advantage than it was not sold last year. There is hardly any manufactured oil in our market. I hold at a gallon. Crude sperm sells at 100. Candles 30 to 32¢. Do you ever sell any Manilla cordage in your market and what do you get for it?

Respectfully yours
Wm Rotch

Messrs [illegible] March 27. 1767

[illegible]

[illegible] March 27. 1767

[illegible]

New Bedford March 30/47

G. R. Stuteway Esq.

Dear Sir — Your favor of 28 came & contents noted — We are selling readily at the annexed prices here and do not fear inducing to alter our prices unless it should be to raise them still higher. I have this morning a letter from the Boston Manufacturers notifying me of an advance in prices. I am confident that unless Hemp falls our prices will come up to our limits with you. At present we shall hold firm at the prices given below & have notified all our Agents to do the same —

Prices —

Tarred Cordage	11¼
Manilla do	11¼
Bolt Rope Manilla	15¼

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. H. Rich Treas

N B Cordage Co —

New Bedford 3 mo 30. 1847

Messrs Mitchell & Davis [illegible] March 30/47

Gentlemen

[illegible] they have this day
fixed on [illegible] as [illegible] at
which I [illegible] whole [illegible] Cordage [illegible]
agreed to [illegible] all our [illegible]
[illegible] please [illegible] soon as possible.
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] months
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cash [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] that
we may know what you [illegible] the
[illegible] and what [illegible]
[illegible] — Please write us immediately —
What is Mr Barney doing? —

Jones Cordage 11 ct
Manila [illegible] 10 3/4
[illegible] 12 1/2
Manila [illegible] 10 1/2
[illegible] 11
[illegible] 12 1/2
[illegible] 12 1/2

[illegible] Respectfully
Wm [illegible]

New Bedford March 30/47

Messrs Berry & Smith

Gent= Since writing you on the 23d We are without any advice from you. As We wish to close all our a/c for '46 please forward a/c Sales as soon as possible. We understand that your Ship has gone freighting. If you intend to send her Whaling you can have the Trotteries & furnished her at the price which they were then selling for. In which case the credit must commence when you Ship sailed on her former voyage. Or you can let them lay & when the Ship returns take them at the price which we then charge. In either case I wish you to render a/c Sales now, so that we may know what you have sold at the old price and what still remains on hand unsold. Please write us immediately.

What is Mr Barney doing?

Yrs Respectfully
Wm R Rotch Treas=

[illegible]

the 13th [illegible] without any advice from [illegible]

[illegible]

What is our Barney doing?

[illegible]

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New Bedford, March 3/47

Isaac Clapp Esq.

Dear Sir —

I wrote you some time since asking you about the freight on the last Bales Manilla from New York. As I am waiting to send the note to you [illegible] [illegible] to hear from you please write me what allowance they will make. We are nearly out of Manilla again. What can you do for us? How soon will the other lots arrive. Can you [illegible] for us until they do. Please write me on receipt of this in answer to the above questions and oblige

Yr Respectf
Wm Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co

C Mory

New Bedford March 31/47

Bourne Spooner Esq

Dear Sir Your favor of 27th inst duly recd and contents noted. I have seen Mr Tucker & agreed with him to fix the price of Manilla Cordage @ 10 3/4 & of Manilla Tarred at the usual advance on this viz at 13 1/2 & [illegible] price according to former. Mess Pope & Morgan have also agreed to this & I think we shall be able to maintain the price for the present at least. If however any change seems desirable to you I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co

New Bedford March 31/47

Jona Bourne Jr
Cashier of Market Bank

Dear Sir Above you have check for twenty five hundred eighty one 40/100 Dolls amt N B Cordage Co Note falling due at your Bank tomorrow the receipt of which please acknowledge & return the note

Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co

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Mt Pleasant March 8/47

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Mt Pleasant March 8/47

Dear Sir

Cashier of Marietta Bank

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Cmoz

New Bedford March 31/47

P. M. Parkman Esq

Dear Sir - Your favor of 30 was rec'd last eve'g & early this morning I sent the cordage to the R. Road - Yr favor of the afternoon of the same date is just rec'd & consequently too late to make the alteration you desire. Should you wish I will send the 3 in fall 22/4 in addition or you may be able to exchange the 3 in for that size in Boston. If not & you wish let me know & I will forward it immediately -

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 1. 1847

Stephen C. Luce Esq

Dear Sir:

The Bills against the Brig Herald for cordage & duck being past due I should like to have them settled as our own payments are now falling due. Please let me hear from you on receipt of this respecting the Bills,

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co

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New Bern March 31 1787

Mr Pettigrew Esq

Dear Sir - Your favor of 30 inst

came last eve; & early this morning I sent the Papers to

the R. Wood - For some of the alterations of his Lawn [illegible]

is quite new & unequivocally too late to make the alterations

you desire. - Should you wish I can send the [illegible] 2 yds

in addition as you may be able to exchange the [illegible] that

[illegible] in Boston. - [illegible] let me know & I

will [illegible] [illegible] -

Your [illegible] Jno Wright Stanly

New Bern April 1 1787

Stephen Cabarrus Esq

Dear Sir:

The Bill [illegible]

the [illegible] for [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Your [illegible]

Jno Wright Stanly

New Bedford 3 mo 31st 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin

Gentlemen Your favor of 29th enclosing memorandum for Ship Stanton came duly to hand and will receive our attention. Since writing you on the 27th we have still further advanced our prices and are now selling readily in this market at the annexed list of prices. The prospect now is of a still further advance owing to the great scarcity and high prices of Hemp. We should like to hear from you with regard to the prices of Cordage in your market as compared with the list annexed and the prospect for further sales as our orders are now large and we like to be prepared ahead.

Tarred Cordage 11

Manila Cordage 10 3/4 " Tarred Towlines 13 1/2

Manila Towline 13 1/2 " Bolt rope 14

Wormline 12 1/2 " Ratline 14

6 months or 3 1/2 % off for Cash

as within

Please hold our Cordage until further advised. Hoping to hear from you soon

We remain Yours Respectfully

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B.C. Co.

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New York 31 Oct 1847

[illegible]

Manila [illegible] 11¾ [illegible]

Manila [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford April 2 1847

J. L. Ashley [illegible]

John Deane [illegible] New Bedford [illegible]

Rec'd of the [illegible] Mutual [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] \$3645.00 at [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Settled.

Yours Respectfully

Wm [illegible] Treas.

N B [illegible]

New Bedford April 3 1847

We note your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

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John Deane Jr Esqr New Bedford 4 mos 1st
Dear Sir

We forward this P.M. per Rail Road the following lots of Cordage which please ship per first vessel to Messrs Kendall & Richardson Bath Me.

59 Coils	Marked	A	7764
74	"	S	10316
17	"	O.	1381
150 Coils	Weighing		19461 lb

We wrote you on the 29th ult. fearing ours may have miscarried. We annex Copy.

Copy/ As we are sending forward considerable quantity of Cordage now I write to ask if you can take Charge of it and have it put onboard the Eastern vessels when they want it. It may sometimes happen that the vessels may not be in Boston or ready to receive the cordage immediately on its arrival at your Depot. In that case it would be necessary to let it lay a day or two at the Depot. Can this be done and with safety? Please write me on this subject and also whether you have made an arrangement with Mr B. S. Rotch to do the Carting in Boston as we talked of in the Fall. Signed Wm J Rotch Treas

N B Cordage Co. Over

John [illegible] Esqr
Boston

New Bedford 6 mo 7 [18]41

We forward this p.m. by Rail Road the following lots of Whale bone which please ship per first vessel to [illegible]

57 bdls	Marked A		7764
71	"	S	10316
17	"	C	1381
145 bdls	Weighing		19461 lb

We wrote you on the 29 ult. giving some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible]. Should we be having considerable quantity of Whalebone now I wish to ask if you can take charge of it and have it put on board the vessels when they want it. It may probably happen that the vessels may not be in Boston ready to receive the cargo on its arrival at your Depot. In that case it would be necessary to let it lay a day or two at the Depot. Can this be done with safety? Please write me on this subject and also whether you have made an arrangement with the B. & Wor. to do the business in Boston or rather if we [illegible] the bill.

Respectfully
Yrs Wm Rotch Junr
[illegible] pr

We would now say that we will take your offer to do our Carting in the City of Boston and will give you all we can consider them at the price $2 1/2 per Ton which we should like we believe were your terms. We should like an early answer to this matter as we have some Hemp to come along soon

Yours Respy
J. A. Hastings

New Bedford April 6. 1847

Messrs Rendall & Richardson

Gent. We send you today Invoices of Gangs No 8 & 9 and of the Spare Cordage ordered which is marked O.

We shall want to draw on you now & from time to time please inform us in what way it will be most convenient for you to have us draw.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm Rotch Jr.

P.S. The Spare Cordage sent today is 1st Quality Hackled

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[illegible] take your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] much [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] at [illegible]

[illegible] matter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] along [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov. 6. 1847

Messrs Russell & Richardson

Gents — We have yours of the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Cargo [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Ship [illegible] [illegible] draw on you from

time to time please inform us what they

will be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]

us draw —

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

P.S. The [illegible] Cargo [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford April 7 1847.

A. R. Stickney Esq.

Dear Sir— We have credited you in a/c here with Sixty Seven & 63/100 Dolls (67.63/100) being Am^t of Comm^ns on Sales to Mess Cahoon & Lyman— We wrote you ... intended that all the Sales by you will be due by the 10th of July & as we will need the money would like to draw on you at ... time— Our Bank will not do any thing ... now & hard at that— Please write me by return mail how it would suit you for me to make the Dft—

Yrs Respectfully

Prices still continue firm as before—

Paid

New Bedford 4 month 8 th 1867

Messrs. Slocum & Bullock

Gentlemen } Should you be in want of Cordage for your Bark or otherwise please inform us before purchasing. We should allow a Commission of 2½ % on sales.

Yours Respectfully
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford April 10th/67

Messrs. Kendall & Richardson

Gent = Your favor of 7th was duly recd and contents noted. The Gangs No 8 & 9 had been sent before as directed in your letter of 31st. We notice your remarks respecting the Ships Gang. Mr Evans informs us that it is made of the same stock precisely though the yarns may be a little larger which is usually the case in large sized Ropes. He says the Gang is quite equal to any we have sent you and will prove so when fitted.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. J. Reed Treas.

New Bedford Apr 11th 1867

W B Potter Esq
Fairhaven

Dear Sir

Please send [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully
[illegible]

Isaac C Clapp Esq
Fairhaven

[illegible]

John Deane Jr. Esqr
Dear Sir }

We forward this A.M. 61 Coils 7048 lbs cordage marked B.H for B. B. Haskell Waldoboro Me. The Capt. of the vessel to take it along will call on you when he is ready for the cordage & you will please deliver it to him & oblige

Yours Respfly
S. A. Hammer
Clerk WRB & Co.

Havn't Hapr d
[illegible] th 1847 }

Have as yet recd no answer to ours of 8th

New Bedford April 14. 1847
H. R. Stickney Esq
Dear Sir

Your favor 8th was duly recd & contents noted. As soon as you can collect any money I think you would forward immediately as our payments are large and receipts as yet small.

You may contract for one or two Gangs at your market price in Portland provided it is not under 10½ for manilla & 10¼ for tarred

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

John Deane Jr.
Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

Jan 23 [illegible]

New Bedford April 14. 1817
Mr. [illegible]
Dear Sir

Your favor [illegible]
was duly rec'd [illegible] Contracts [illegible]
[illegible]

Yours Respectfully
[illegible]

New Bedford April 15. 1847

B B Haskell

Dear Sir — Since writing you on the 10th I am without any advices from you. To day I send you as ordered an invoice of the gangs which went by Rail Road this afternoon to Boston and will be retained at the Depot of the B. & Providence Rail Road until called for by the Captain of the vessel. Will you notify the Captain of this & write me upon the subject. In my letter of the 10th I informed you that you might contract for the two Gangs you spoke of at the prices named

Respectfully
Yours
Robt [illegible] Treas

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Mr Dalton April 11th 1847

Dr B Harrison

Dear Sir

[illegible]

9.67

New Bedford April 10. 1847

Messrs Plumm & Co.

Gent = Your favor of 8th with Invoice of Bill Lading of 76 Bbls Pine Tar duly rec'd. The Tar arrived yesterday & your draft for $577 [illegible] will be paid when presented. We shall want about one hundred & fifty Bbls more this year (150) but are not in immediate want of it, probably not before next Fall. Therefore I think it would be best for you to watch any opportunity of buying low and get it for us. Of course you will use your best judgement in buying. We have now had from you 360 Bbls Pine Tar with the 150 will make 510 Bbls. The last 150 we are not in immediate want of as I said before & consequently you can take your own time always with a view to our interest for buying it. If we should want more than the above I will advise you.

Yours Respectfully
Wm Rotch Jr
W. B. Gifford

New Bedford April 17/47

Thos Motley & Co

Gent — Annexed I send you an Invoice & Bill Lading of two hundred coils Manila Cordage shipped per Sch E H Adams. The coils are all done up in Matting and will I doubt not reach you in good order. Manilla is very high & scarce now. The last sales of the Raw Hemp were at 5¾ a 6¢. We are selling the Rope here at 10½¢. I hope that you will find a quick sale of this lot. Of course I leave you to get the highest price you can but do not wish you to hold back for higher prices than can be obtained now. I think the market is about at its highest point now and consequently it would not be advisable to hold any longer. There may however be some circumstances which would affect the market in your city & would make it better to hold for a higher than to sell at the present rates. Of these you of course will judge.

Hoping to hear soon from you I remain

Yours &c Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co

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New Bedford April 19/47

Stephen C Phillips Esq

Dear Sir —

Above you have my note for $4320 — being amt of Rem of 30 Bales Manilla Recd the N.B. Cordage Co, the receipt of which please acknowledge —

Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford April 26/47

A.R. Stickney Esq

Dear Sir — Since yours of 8th inst I am without any advice from you. You then expected to be in Boston & hoped to settle Messrs Dow & Budge's Bill. I have made two drafts on you as advised viz for $500 each one on 4 & one on 6 mos. The Spring is on short time for money & I hope you will remit as fast as possible — You may contract more at your expected price in Portland —

Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 22 1847

Mess. Ware & Bullock

Gent. Your favor of 20th is this morning received and annexed I send you an Invoice of the Cordage ordered which was given to Rail Road this morning. I also annex a list of prices at which we will sell you what cordage you want allowing you a commission of 3½ pr ct on the sales and if you can buy of (the) Tilly lower we will sell you at his prices with above commission in addition—

Prices April 22 1847

American Tarred Cordage Spunyarn &c Russia Tarred Bolt Rope ~~& Towline~~ Towline	} 10¾
Manilla Cordage	10½
Manilla Towline	13½
Russia Spunyarn	14

6 mos or 3½ pr ct off for cash.

The above prices are for the Cordage delivered in Providence at the Depot

Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

yrs Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas.

N B Cordage Co.

Mr [illegible] April 22 1747

Resp.d Cousin & Friend

Sir — Your favour of ye 2d [illegible]

[illegible]

Price [illegible] April 22 1747

[illegible] 10 3/4

[illegible] 10 1/2

[illegible] 13 1/2

[illegible] 14 1/2

[illegible] 3 1/2 pr ct for cash.

The above [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford April 23/47

Mess J. M. [illegible] & Co

Gent= Your favor of 13th advising of purchase of 53 Bales Hackled & 67 Bales Dew Rotted Hemp is this morning rec'd. We are glad of it as we are about out. Our market here has reached its highest point & prices are now receding. Holders are anxious to sell. Freights are also falling with us & must soon with you. Consequently it would be best for you not to purchase any more immediately. I think there will be a very material reduction in prices in a month a few weeks and by waiting you will be able to purchase at reasonable rates. When you write please inform me of the opinion in your market on this subject and when the market will probably be best supplied & prices at the lowest.

Your bill on us will be honored when presented.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm [illegible] Treas
N B Cordage Co.

200
100
1135 [illegible]

New Bedford April 23/47

Mess Haven Gray & Co

Gent - I annex a Mem= of Copper which you may send me provided you will furnish it on the terms offered in your favor of 7th inst viz 22 1/2 6 mo on 1 pct.

Please answer by return mail whether you accede or not. And if the former forward the copper as soon as you can. What [illegible] for Cash?

Your Respect. Wm R Rotch

Mem^m of Copper wanted

60	Sheets of	34 oz
200	"	32 ..
200	..	30
175	..	28 ..
200	..	26 ..
200	..	24
100	..	22 ..
1135	Sheets -	

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New Bedford April 23rd 1847

Wm P. Atkinson

Dear Sir

Annexed I send you a copy of a vote passed by the Trustees of Friends Academy last evening by which you will ascertain the conditions &c on which they ~~[illegible]~~ appoint you Principal of the Academy. Of course you will make what arrangement you see fit with the Miss Mortons. Their year expires in June and upon receipt of an answer from you accepting the appointment I shall notify them of it & that their connection with the Academy as Principals will cease when you are ready to take charge of it. Please inform me at your earliest convenience what your views are. Whether you accept or not & if the former state the time when you will be prepared to take charge of the school

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Sec^ty^
of Board of Trustees

New Bedford April 26 / 47

Mess Hawes Gray & Co
Gents — [illegible] Dr [illegible]
You may send me up what you have
of my order viz

31 sheets	of	32 oz
75	"	30 "
175	"	28 "
200	"	26
200	"	24
100	"	22
780 sheets		

I suppose you allow the 1 pct as in your first
offer. Yours Respectfully Wm [illegible]
What disct do you make for Cash
Please send the above by R Road as soon
as convenient

New Bedford 4 mo 2 / 47

Messrs Coffin & Weld
Boston
Gentlemen
[illegible] Weld & Co. [illegible] from Coffin & Weld accepted this day
Yours Respy
[illegible]

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New Bergen Apr 26 /57

Wm Hance Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

32 bush	@	32
175	@	30
[illegible]	@	38
161	@	37
781 bush		

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bergen [illegible] /57

[illegible]

Gentlemen

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 4 mo 26 [illegible]

Capt. C. L. Shepherd

Dear Sir

[illegible] Capt [illegible] arrival please have shipped to [illegible] Capt Ingersoll the freight as you [illegible] Yours Respectfully

We have seen Messrs W. T. [illegible] & Co who will also write on the subject

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk Co

New Bedford April 27/47

Messrs Thomas & Co

Gent. We write to inform you that as we have now worked up some of our orders you may contract at the market price for Cordage with you

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Tr.

N.B. Cordage Co.

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New Design Apr 26 1817

[illegible]

New Design Apr 27 1817

[illegible]

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New Bedford April 29/47

J. C. Mead Esq

Dear Sir — Above I send you Check on Atlas Bank for Fifteen hundred forty Eight & 15/100 Dolls being amt of N. B. Cordage Co's note falling due at your Bank May 1st. Please return note and oblige

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

N B Cordage Co

New Bedford April 30/47

Messrs Hayes Gray & Co

Gent —: Above I give you [illegible] check for $14 95.61/100 amt of [illegible] Bill [illegible] $3 1/2 [illegible] being amt of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wm J Rotch Treas

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New Bedford Apr 29/47

E. C. Ware Esq Pres &c. — Above I send
you Check on Citizens Bank for Fifteen hundred
& fifty eight 13/100 Dol being amt of Mr. Cutler Co's
note falling due at your Bank May 1st
Please advise rect and oblige
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt [illegible] Treas
[illegible] Co

New Bedford June 30/47

Messrs Thomas Lamb & Co
Boston

Above you have check
for $4295.65/100 due 27 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Very Respy [illegible]

New Bedford May 1. 1847

Messrs Plume & Bullock

Gent= Annexed is Invoice of the Cordage ordered in your of 29 which was gone to the Road this morning. The Rope ordered by you in your of 30 we shall make for you on Monday as we have not got it made in time. I notice your remarks with regard to price. The list sent you in ours of 22d is as low as we can sell now. Manilla Rope is selling for 11¢ in Boston at this time.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas.

P.S. Please let me hear from you if you accept our terms for the Vessel as soon as you can that we may arrange accordingly.

New Bedford May 1. 1847

Aaron Mitchell Esq

Dear Sir. I have this day drawn on you as Agent of Ship Susan & Sarah for Nine hundred four 14/100 dolls (904.14/100) at Thirty days from April 16th / being amt of our Bill Cordage against said ship due May 16th/47 which please accept and and charge as above.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

of NB Cordage Co

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Newburyport – May 1. 1847

Messrs Wm Prince & Co

Flushing = Gentlemen

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

P.S. Please let me hear from you [illegible] as soon as you can [illegible]

Newburyport – May 1. 1847

[illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford May 1. 1847

Mess. Burr & Smith

Gent = I have this day drawn on you for six hundred ten 96/100 dolls ($610.96/100) at four months from April 18th 1847 am't of an acceptance [illegible] due Aug 18/21 1847 to N B Cordage Co which please accept

Your Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible] by you, the former to be [illegible] W. R. Rotch [illegible] before September & the latter in N B Cordage Co [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as the [illegible] for Sales of Cordage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] W. R. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] take care of them when they are ready to forward them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Please let me hear from you. Have you any prospect of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treasurer

Mess. [illegible] Baxter & [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] (£611.19.6) [illegible]

[illegible]

Mr Baker [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

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New Bedford May 1st 1847

Mess Rendall & Richardson

Gent=

Gangs No 10 & 11 ordered by you, the former to be delivered whenever we chose before September & the latter in July, will be done in the course of a fortnight. They will be first rate and such as you can find no fault with though Mr Evans remember, that he once complained of as as good a Gang and made of as good Stock as any sent you. They expect in Writing is to know if you can receive and take care of them when they are ready to forward them, as we are getting full in our store. Please let me hear from you. Have you any prospect of other contracts coming?

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treasurer

New Bedford May 3d 1847

[illegible]

Gent= [illegible]

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford May 3d 1847

Messrs Barnard Adams & Co
Gent=

Above you have N.B.C.Co's note for Nine hundred sixty two & 17/100 Dolls Amt your Bill of 51 Bales Hemp which please acknowledge. We did not find the two Bales sufficiently damaged to make any deduction –

Yours Respectfully
Wm R Rotch Tres
N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 5 Mo 3d. 1847

Messrs Chas G & H Coffin
Nantucket
Esteemed

We understand the Ship Planter is to be fitted & fitted off there [illegible] please send soon and write to know if you can see to her – We have before told the Cordage and think we could do so now as he may well pleased with our work – will you please see him and write us at your earliest convenience what you can do –

Yours Respectfully
S. H. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford Nov 3d 1847

Messrs [illegible], Adams & Co

Gent

Above you have M.B.C's note for [illegible] with [illegible] 3 months [illegible]

Your Bill of 51 Bales [illegible] which please [illegible]

We are [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford 3 Nov 3d 1847

Messrs [illegible]

Manchester

Gentlemen

[illegible] the Ship [illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

think [illegible]

please [illegible] write [illegible]

[illegible] write me [illegible]

what you can do — Yours Respy

[illegible]

Clerk N.B. [illegible]

New Bedford May 4. 1847

John J. Gardner & Co

Gent = Above I send you pr B. Cordage Co's Note for $487.10/100 at 7 days from May 25 being for your Bill 74 Bales Hemp - Please send a Bill receipted and oblige Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford May 4. 1847

Mr Mutridge & Co

Gent = I write to inform you that owing to the failure of several expected importations of Manilla Hemp it has advanced to 9 3/4 per lb and Manilla Cordage is now held firmly in Boston at 11 1/4 & pull. If you have not made sales of the 100 coils sent you, I wish you would hold it all or whatever may be unsold at 11 1/2 ¢. I think it will go as high and perhaps higher than this. If you find there is now or likely soon to be a scarcity in your market you may safely hold at 12 ¢ -

Yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

N.B. Cordage Co -

New Bedford May 4. 1857

Mess. Mackay & Co

Dear Sirs = I write to inform you that [illegible]

[illegible] Manila Hemp [illegible]

[illegible] Manila Cordage [illegible]

[illegible] at 11 1/4 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at 11 1/4 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] at 12 1/2 –

Yours Respectfully Wm. R. Rotch Treas.
N.B. Cordage Co –

New Bedford May 4. 1847

Messrs Rundall & Richardson

Gent = Your favor of 1st with order for Whale Gang No 12 is this morning rec'd. It will be made & sent within three or four days. Say Friday next. I wrote you on the 1st respecting Gang No 11. I have now to advise you that Manilla Cordage is selling in Boston @ 11 1/2 c & the Hemp @ 9 c. Consequently we must advance the price of our Manilla with you to 11 1/2 c at which price please hold it until further advised –

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford May 4th 1847

Messrs B. Ellis & Co

Gent = Your favor of 3rd with Sales 80 Boxes Candles apply'd to credit of $677 39/100 due June 7/5 with check on Boston for $150 – is this morning rec'd & entered in accordance. If you could inform us what price you can obtain for Manilla Cordage we could decide whether it would pay to ship it. We obtain 11 1/4 c here for it for the ... When you may write please state this if you can. Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch

P.S. I have not a Box of Candles made or making

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New Brunswick May 4. 1767

Messrs. Ricketts & Richardson

Gent. Your [illegible] of 12th ult.

[illegible]

Your [illegible]

New Brunswick May 4th 1767

[illegible]

P.S. I have sent a Box of Candles [illegible]

New Bedford May 4. 1847

Henry Wilson Esq

Dear Sir Your favor of 3d is this morning recd. The ten Bales Kentucky Hemp were recd from you and examined. We liked the quality & I directed our Superintendent Mr Evans to call on you and examine the Bal of the Hemp. By some mistake he failed to do so and purchased a small lot elsewhere. This I regret as I do not consider it equal to your sample. At present we have as much unhatcheled Hemp as we want. We work but little of it. If you should have any handsome hatcheled should like to hear from you.

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Treas.
N B Cordage Co

New Bedford May 4. 1847

Messrs Plummer & Co

Gent. Your favor of 30 ult. Bill Lading & Invoice of 50 Bbls Tar is recd. You may make your draft on us payable in Boston if you like at the Boston Bank.

Yours Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas.
N B Cordage Co

New Bedford May 4. 1817

Henry Warren Esq

Sir

We have your favour of 3d inst [illegible]

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Junr

New Bedford May 4. 1817

Messrs Plummer & Co

Gent.

Your favour of 30 ult. [illegible]

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Junr

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New Bedford May 4. 1847

[illegible] Treasurer.

Dear Sir [illegible] 3 [illegible]

At a meeting [illegible] of the Cordage manufacturers [illegible] it was voted to advance the price of Manilla Cordage to 11 1/4 & Towlines to 14.
Please notify your agents of this advance. We shall be [illegible] to keep our price the same as the Boston rates.

N. B. Cordage Co

Very Respectfully Yours
Wm Rotch Treasurer

New Bedford 5 mo 5 1847

Messrs Wilcox & Davis
Gentlemen

We have to advise you that we have this day fixed our prices for Cordage as annexed at which please hold our Cordage until further advised

Tarred Cordage	11¢	6 Months from sailing or 3 1/2 % off for Cash
Manila Do.	11 1/4¢	
Tarred Towlines	12 1/2¢	
Manila Towlines	14¢	
Boltrope	14¢	
Worming	12 1/2	
Point rope	14¢	

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk [illegible]

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New Orleans May 7. 1847

Messrs Brown Shipley & Co [illegible]

[illegible] 3.d

[illegible]

Prime [illegible] Manilla [illegible] 11¼ [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1 [illegible]

Very respectfully yours

[illegible]

New Orleans 8 May 1847

Messrs Wiley & Davis

[illegible]

We [illegible] to advise you

that we have this day given our policy for

Cordage 93 [illegible] at which please hold

in [illegible] until further advised

[illegible] Cordage	11c	6 Months [illegible]
Manila do	11¾c	[illegible]
[illegible]	12½c	off for Cash
[illegible]	14c	
[illegible]	14c	
[illegible]	12½c	
[illegible]	14c	

[illegible]

New Bedford May 4. 1847

Mess Pierce & Bullock

Gent = Annexed I send you an Invoice of Cordage ordered by you As the price of Cordage is very unsettled I should like to hear from you whether you accept our terms or not. Please inform me and oblige yours Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford May 5 - 1847

Mess Mudford & Bush

Gent = What can you obtain for 100 to 150 Bales unhackled Kentucky Hemp now on the way from New Orleans to New York? We are now expecting some and as it is more than we need will sell a part if you can obtain a fair price. An Early answer will oblige

Respectfully
Wm R Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co

Mount Eagle 5 mo 5th 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Gage

Mount Eagle May 5. 1847

A. R. Sturgis Esq

Dear Sir — pr favour of 3d inst.

$265.02 in Check on Boston & $520 on New York

4 ... and we credit your note & $785.02 ...

We shall be glad to receive as fast as possible

as there is only short time. Owing to the

failure of several expected importations Manila

Hemp has advanced in Boston to the unprecedented price of 9 [illegible] per lb. & the market charge

is held @ 11¼ & 11½ ... We have consequently been

obliged to raise our price again & ... that

you would hold our Manilla @ 11½ ... per lb

until farther advices. Other kinds of Rope at ...

market price. 11½ in Portland is about equal to 11¼

in Boston.

Yours Respectfully ...

P.S. Please forward to me Grans of the amount

of Jacob's expenses in ... Eng....

... any ... remaining ... with you

of the ... got by him — ... ought to ...

... immediately

New Bedford 5 mo 5th 1847

Messrs C. G. H. Coffin
Nantucket

Friends

We wrote you on the 3d inst and have now to advise you of a still further advance in our prices for Cordage We are now selling as follows

Tarred Cordage	11d	6 months from sailing or 3½ % off for Cash
Manila Co.	11½d	
Tarred Boltlines	12½d	
Manila Co.	14d	
Boltrope	14d	
Wormline	12½d	
Pointrope	14	

at which please hold our cordage until further advised - There is every probability of Manila Cordage advancing still more owing to the small quantity of Hemp expected to arrive. What have you done with Mr Gardner?

Yours Respecty

S. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B.C. Co

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New Bedford 5 mo 5th 1847

Messrs C. W. Coffin
Nantucket
Friends

We wrote you on the 3rd inst and now have to advise you of a still further advance in our prices for Cordage. We are now selling as follows

Russia Cordage	11	4 months from delivery or 3 1/2 % off for Cash
Manila Do	11 1/2	
Russia Bolt Rope	12 1/2	
Manila Do	14	
Bedcords	14	
Marline	12 1/2	
Spunyarn	14	

at which [illegible] expect to make further advance. There is every probability of Manila Cordage advancing still more owing to the scarce quantity of Hemp to come. What have you done with the Lumber?

Yours Respectfully
J. H. [illegible]
Clerk N.B.C. Co.

New Bedford May 6. 1847

Messrs Plum & Bullock

Gents — Yr favor of 5th inst this morning recd. I notice yr remarks respecting the price of Manila Cordage offered by Mr Tilley. You will see that our offer of 10 3/4 includes the Bolt Rope & Marline — which we could hardly think he would do at the price you name. Please inform me upon this point. & if you will send me a copy of Mr Tilley's prices I will enter ours in conformity — Manila has advanced 1/2 cent per lb — You remember that you sent back 6 coils of Ratlines from the lot sent the S. America & we sent you 6 larger ones averaging about 120 lb. Do you want the present order made of that size?

Yours Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas

Boston Nov. 6. 1817

Mess. Dana [illegible]

Gent.

This morning rec'd [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford May 7 /47

A. Munson Esq

Dear Sir — Yours rec'd 6th inst.
We paid to J. S. Gammell &c $160 — 8 mos for a
Lot of [illegible] one [illegible] by examination
prior to [illegible] — We also paid Messrs Barnard
Adams & Co the same given 7 mos for a [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible] — which I
am without [illegible] Respectfully
Wm. J. Rotch Treas.
N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford May 10th 1847

To T. Lyman Esq

Dear Sir

I send you enclosed
two notes of the N. B. Cordage Co one for $1957 —
6 mos from April 5th & one for $1958. 6 mos from
April 20th 47 in payment of [illegible] Bbl 30 Bales
Manilla Hemp — [illegible] of which please
acknowledge and send [illegible] Bill [illegible].

Yours Respectfully
Wm. J. Rotch Treas
N. B. Cordage Co

that I may state that the [illegible]
you wished to contract [illegible]
the price of a delivery [illegible] Cordage before
he decided. I hope he has not changed
his mind, for owing to the steady advance
in Manilla we are not now willing to
contract at the [illegible]
for Young [illegible] Cordage [illegible]
[illegible]
the following [illegible] at which I
[illegible] would [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Great [illegible]
[illegible]

Tarred Cordage 11 ¢
Manilla do 11 3/4 ¢
6 mos from delivery
Wm. J. Rotch Treas

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New Bedford Oct 7 1817

Dear Sir

[illegible]

New Bedford May 16 1817

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford May 8th
B B Haskell Esq 1847

Dear Sir. Your favd 27/
was duly recd from Boston, since which I
am without any advices from you. In
that you state that the person with whom
you wished to contract suspend starting in
hopes of a declining in price of Cordage before
he contracted. I hope he has not changed
his mind, for owing to the steady advance
in Manilla we are not now willing to
contract at the price then given. I do
not think Cordage will be lower for
some months. We are now obtaining
the following price readily at which I
wish you would hold. We are not
anxious to sell and prefer not doing so
unless at those prices. We anticipate a great
disappointment to many who contracted for
Ships in hopes of high freights and consequently
great caution should be used in making
sales.

Tarred Cordage 11¼ } deliv'd in Boston
Manilla do 11¾ }
6 mos from delivery

Yrs Respects
Wm J Rotch Treasr

New Bedford May 1st [illegible]

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H. Inman Esq

Dear Sir

In favor of [illegible] ins.

I am sorry to say that by [illegible] [illegible]
all the tallies of the Bales are not [illegible]
them which gives an average of [illegible] you
can form some idea of the [illegible] of this
from the last we rec'd. We usually weigh
the Hemp on receiving it but in this case sent
as a sample it was weighed and opened
immediately on examination. We have only
the tallies from them of the Bales at which
rate there would be about eight to the ton
If you think this right we will settle
accordingly —

New Bedford [illegible]

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent= Annexed [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

[illegible]

Gent=

[illegible]

Sir And [illegible] [illegible]

send us three Bales of the [illegible]

three of the undressed Hemp [illegible]

stating the lowest price at which you will

sell them per ton. If both suit we will give

you a call —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Pres=

W. B. [illegible]

New Bedford May 12. 1847

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible] you [illegible] of 11 [illegible] by Mr H R Whitney [illegible]. I am sorry that our engagements will not allow time [illegible] the [illegible] you speak of. But [illegible] has as much as we can do for a [illegible]

New Bedford May 13. 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent^s. Annexed you find Invoice of the Gang of Cordage last ordered by you which has been done and waiting your orders for several days. On your last you said you should write and inform us when and where you wished it sent. Please write us on the receipt of this we will forward it.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas^r

New Bedford 5 mo 13th 1847

Messrs Seared & Bullock
Providence.

Gentlm.

Capt Swift has been in this morning to select some of his Cordage - We wish to get the proper dimensions for Blockstraps and topsail runners - We wish the lower straps spliced a little shorter than the last - the Upper straps just enough to strap the Blocks & toggle

Say length of 5 Lower Blockstraps 4, 5° Shd. lad
6 Upper " "
5 Manila topsail runners 4 x"

The Whale Warp he has selected say 2500 fms of Large size & 2500 fms Common size the same proportion our Ships take for the North West coast.

We shall save you part of it then and make our Memo of Prices accordingly say

Tarred Cordage 10¢ pr Manila do. 10 1/2¢
Manila Towlines 12 1/2¢
6 months or 3 1/2 % off pr Cash

We make Bone Spunyarn which we can sell for 8 cts per lb. Capt Swift would like to have say 1000 lbs which is sufficient to band 25,000 lbs of Bone -

Yours Respectfully
G. & Plummer
Clerk N.B. Co.

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New Bedford 5 mo 13th 1847

Messrs Lewis & Bates

Providence

Gentlemen,

Capt Gray has been in this morning to select some of his cordage - We wish to get the rigging commenced for Backstays and Topsail [illegible] - He wishes the lower Stays fitted a little shorter than the last - the Mizen stays just enough to clear the Bitts & [illegible] Say length of 5½ Lower Backstays [illegible]

6 — Upper

5½ Manila Topsail [illegible]

The Main [illegible] he has selected say 3510 lbs of large size & 3500 lbs common size the same proportion the Ship takes for the North West coast. We have given [illegible] of 7 [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] accordingly Say

Hard Cordage 10 " Manila [illegible] 10½

Manila Tow Lines 12¼

6 Months or 9½ [illegible] per Cash

We make some Arrangement with the Cash due for [illegible] for the Capt Gray wanted to have say 1000 lbs which is sufficient to cover 25000 [illegible] Bone -

Resp'y [illegible]

[illegible]

Clerk [illegible]

New Bedford May 13/47

B B Hart Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 11 inst I
note you are the 8th advancing of an advance
in Manilla which will undoubtedly be
sustained as there are only about 2500 Bales
of Manilla Hemp expected to arrive between
now and fall while the wants are [illegible]
7000 — Since the receipt of yours however I
will in consideration of your having had
some trouble about these Gangs agree to
deliver them in Boston at the following
price being an advance of only 1/4 of a cent
on the Manilla Rope & former offer &c

Tarred Cordage 10 4/ 26 mo
Manilla do per 11 4 }

Yours Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas
per Respect N B Cordage Co

New Bedford May 14. 1847

Bourne Spooner Esq

Dear Sir —

Yr favor of 12 is this morning recd. I have seen Mr Tucker and we have put the price of Manilla 11½ & hemp Tarred as they were for the present viz 14 ¢. Will you notify yr Agent in Fairhaven of the change. I shall be willing to conform to the Boston Market and glad to hear from you whenever you & Mr Sewall make any change there.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas

New Bedford May 14. 1847

E. H. Barker Esq

Dear Sir — We have to inform you that since giving you our prices we have advanced the price of Manilla Cordage and cannot now sell at former rates. If you have any application please call on us.

Yr Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas

N Bedford Co

West Easton May 14. 1847

Brown Spear Co
Gents -

This morning recd. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Yours Respectfully [illegible]

West Easton May 14. 1847

C. H. [illegible] Esq
Dear Sir - [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Yours Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford 5 mo 14th 1847

Messrs Wilcox & Davis
Westport Point

Gentlem

We have this day advanced the price of Manila Cordage to 11½¢ - other prices same as the last sent you in ours of 4th inst

Yours Respy
L A Plummer
Clerk NBC Co

New Bedford 5 mo 14th 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin
Nantucket

Gentlem

We have this day advanced the price of Manila Cordage to 11½¢ - other prices same as the last sent you in ours of 5th inst -

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk NB. C. Co

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New Bedford 3 Mo 14th 1857

Messrs Nelson & Sons
Westport Point
Esteemed

We have this day advanced the price of Manilla Cordage to 11 1/2 c. other prices same as the last sent you in 3 mo 4th inst.

Resp'y [illegible]
[illegible] Clark [illegible]

New Bedford 3 Mo 14th 1857

Messrs L. & H. Coffin
Nantucket
Friends

We have this day advanced the price of Manilla Cordage to 11 1/2 c. other prices same as the last sent you in 3 mo 4th inst.

Resp'y [illegible]
[illegible]
Clark [illegible]

New Bedford May 1st 1847

Messrs Coffin & Ward

Gent. Your favor of 17th Inst. The six Bales of Russia Hemp sent for Samples have also been recd & examined - They will not answer our purpose. In fact we do not consider what is called the "Outside" Hemp any better than the Undressed - Consequently do not care to make you an offer -

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co

New Bedford May 18/47

Messrs Chapman & Summers

Gent Yr favor is recd. We are not in immediate want of Hemp - But as I shall probably be in Boston this week will call and see you -

Yrs Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas

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New Bedford May 17/57

Messrs [illegible]

Gent

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible] Treas

[illegible]

New Bedford May 18/57

Messrs [illegible]

Gent

[illegible]

Yrs Respy [illegible] Treas

New Bedford May 18/47

Henry Allen Esq

Dear Sir — Above I send

the draft [illegible] for 196.33/100 dollars being

[illegible] of your Bill [illegible]

and [illegible] — of which please acknowledge

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas.

New Bedford May 31. 1847

B. B. Haskell Esq

Your favor of 18th [illegible]

of eight tons Manilla and also of an application

from another Ship — We shall not be able to

supply it on acc of the scarcity of Manilla — In fact

we cannot make any more contracts for

Manilla cordage at present as it is impossible

to obtain it at any price — We shall furnish

you the Russia cordage agreed for [illegible]

and [illegible]

If you [illegible]

tell you [illegible] we will

give you a price but at present we shall

not be able to furnish any Manilla —

Yours Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas.

Boston May 17. 1817

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir — Above I hand [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours respectfully

Wm Bates Treasr

Boston May 31. 1817

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir —

Your favour of [illegible] with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Wm Bates Treasr

New Bedford May 31/47

Messrs Thomas Hobb—

Gent = I write to inform you that owing to the great scarcity of Manilla Hemp we cannot offer any Manilla Cordage at present. If you should have any applications you can write me and if possible to furnish it I will give you a price —

Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treasr

New Bedford May 31/47

Messrs Rundall & Richardson

Gent—

Owing to the unprecedented scarcity of [illegible] & the smallness of the amt expected to arrive we shall not be able to contract for any more Manilla Cordage at present. If you have any applications you can write to us and if possible for us to supply it we will name a price —

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treasr

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New Orleans May 21 1817

Messrs Thomas [illegible]

Gent= I write to inform you that owing to the [illegible] [illegible] Manilla [illegible] [illegible] Manilla Cargo at present. [illegible] have any [illegible] [illegible] one of [illegible] your [illegible]

Your Obedt

[illegible] Dick [illegible]

New Orleans May 21 1817

Messrs [illegible] & Robinson

Gent= Owing to the [illegible] Scarcity [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] shall not be able to [illegible] any Manilla Cargo at present. [illegible] have any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Your Obedt Servt

[illegible] Dick [illegible]

New Bedford May 3d 1847

A R Stackpole Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

With regard to further purchases of Hemp I would say that after examining the lots you have already sent us we find the lot marked W.V. to be very good, the other marked H is very bad. We do not want any more of that kind. But if you can get hold of such a lot as the W.V. (which is entirely free from shives and of a fine clear silky fibre) we should ask you to buy it at an advance of even $50 over unmarked. And complete our original order. But unless you can get that kind the very best I should prefer your not buying any more.

Your draft will be accepted when presented.

Yours Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co

[illegible]

New Bedford May 31/47

A R Stickney Esq

Dear Sir — I write to inform you that we cannot contract to furnish any Manilla Cordage as it is impossible to obtain the Hemp. When you have any applications you can write me & if it is possible for me to furnish it I will

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford May 31 1847

Messrs P[illegible] & Co

Gents — We have this day accepted a draft drawn by you on N B Cordage Co favor of J. B. Wales & Co Boston at one day's sight for [illegible] 78/100 of which we have not been advised by you. Please write on receipt of this and inform us to what lot it belongs.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

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New Bedford May 31 1847

Mr [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir — We wish to inform you that we cannot contract to furnish any Manila Cordage, as it is impossible to obtain the Hemp. When you have an application for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford May 31 1847

Messrs [illegible]

Gents — We have this day accepted a bill drawn by you on us [illegible] 13 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which we have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

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New Bedford May 21. 1847

Mess Thos Whitridge & Co

Gent— I write to inform you that Manilla Cordage has advanced in Boston from to 12 1/4 c with a very small supply— If your market is likely to be bare it will perhaps be best to hold on a higher rate, but you must consider the state of your own market and to what extent it is likely to be influenced by those at the East

Yr Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

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New Bedford May 31 1817

Capt. Thos. Whitney &c

Gent— I have to inform

you that the Ship Mariner has arrived

at Boston from [illegible] 18¼ & with a very small

supply— By your Instructions [illegible]

to write perhaps he had better go [illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]

your own [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford 5 mo 21st 1847

Messrs Wilcox & Davis
Westport Point

Gentm

We have this day fixed our prices for Cordage as follows

Tarred Cordage	11	
Manilla do	12½	6 months for Settling
Tarred Spunyarn	12½	or 3% off for Cash
Manilla do	13	
Houseline	12½	
Bolt rope	14	
Point rope	14	

Yours Respy
A. S. Plummer
Clk N B Cordage Co

New Bedford 5 mo 21 1847

Messrs ...
Nantucket
Mass

Gentm

We have this day fixed our prices for Cordage as follows

Rigging Cordage	11	6 months from
Manilla do	12½	Settling or 3½%
Spunyarn	13	off for Cash
Manilla do	13	
Bolt rope	14	
Whaleline	12½	
Ratline	11	

Yours Respy
Clk N B Cordage Co

Mr Holcomb saw Mr Sewall in Boston yesterday who told him he should continue his agt Mr Kelly in your place to sell at the above list of prices.

Yrs ...

New Bedford 5 mo 21st 1847

Messrs Chs & Geo H Coffin,
Nantucket,
Mass. Respm.

We have this day fixed our prices for Cordage as follows.

Tarred Cordage	11	6 months from Sailing or 3½ % off for Cash
Manilla do.	12½	
Tarred Towline	12½	
Manilla do.	15	
Boltrope	14	
Whaleline	12½	
[illegible]	14	

Yours Respfly
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co.

Mr Rotch saw Mr Sewall in Boston yesterday who told him he should instruct his agt Mr Kelly in your place to sell at the above list of prices.

L. A. P.
Clerk Co

New Bedford 8 m 21 1847

Messrs Chas & H. Coffin
Nantucket
Mass.

Esteemed friends. We have this day fixed our prices for candles as follows

Sperm Candles	11
Manilla do	12 1/2
Sperm [illegible]	12 1/2
Manilla do	15
Patent	11
Adamantine	12 1/2
Paraffine	11

6 months from delivery or 3 1/2 % off for cash

Your Respy J. H. [illegible]
Clerk N.B. Comp.

The Ship [illegible] in Boston [illegible] who [illegible] his [illegible] the same place to day at the old list of prices.

[illegible] Clerk

New Bedford 5 mo 21/47

Messrs Brown & Smith
Walker St
Gentm

We have this day fixed our prices for Cordage as follows

Tarred Cordage	11c	6 months
Manila do.	12½	or
Tarred Towline	12¾	3½ p c off
Manila do.	15	for Cash
Boltrope	14	
Wormline	12½	
Pointrope	14	

What is the prospect of sales with you?

Yours Respy

G. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

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[illegible] 1827

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible]

Gentlemen [illegible] have this day

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford May 24. 1847

I. C. Mild Esq

Dear Sir - Above I send you a check for One hundred twenty five & 70/100 Dolls Amt of my Acceptance of Plummer &c in Draft due at B of Bank 26th. Please return the draft and oblige yrs Respectfully

Wm [illegible] Rotch Treasr

New Bedford May 25 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent. Your favor of 21st with order for Twenty Hawsers was duly recd & above you have Invoice of one hundred [illegible] by Express which went to Boston yesterday P.M. The Bal of the order we shall [illegible] shortly. The Tarred Hemp used this year from the North of Europe costs more than that used last year, on which acct we have not been able to make our prices quite so fine as heretofore but have no doubt they will give good satisfaction & the Stock and work will be found equally good. I wrote you on the 21st respecting our inability to make any more contracts for Manilla Cordage at present, referring to which I remain

yrs Respectfully   [illegible] Rotch Treasr

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New Bedford May 24 1847

J. A. Allen Esqr

Dear Sir - Above I hand you
a draft for One hundred dollars [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford June 25 1847

[illegible]

Gent.

Your favor [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford May 26. 1847

Bourne Spooner Esq

Dear Sir - I wrote you on the 20 from Boston. Since which we have accounts of the loss of the Montgomery with upwards 1100 Bales of Manilla which reduces the expected supply to about 1500 Bales, for which [illegible] & are informed the holders ask 12¢ per lb. There can be very little of any Manilla to arrive before October - I have therefore decided to ask 14¢ for Manilla Cordage and 17¢ for Tarred. These are high prices but at present they cannot be afforded any less. If this advance meets your views please notify your Agents.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch [illegible].

Boston May 26. 1817

[illegible]

New Bedford 3 mo 30 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin
Nantucket

Friends

We wrote you on the 21st inst naming prices for our Cordage — since which prices have been further advanced — an selling to day in this market Manila Cordage at 14 c, Manila Towlines at 17 — and owing to the great scarcity of Hemp this price will probably be still further advanced. We would [illegible] making a contract [illegible] [illegible] and we will send you our terms [illegible]. Please forward [illegible] the same.

Respy Yours

Respty.

[illegible] Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co.

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New Bedford 5 mo 26th 1847

Messrs Binn & Smith
Warren

Gentm. We wrote you on the 21st inst naming prices for Cordage since which Cordage has been further advanced. We would advise concluding any contract you want a tho' a line and before you from us we will name a price.

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk NB Cordage Co

New Bedford 5 mo 26th 1847

Messrs Weller & Davis
Westport

Gentm
We have this day advanced our prices for Cordage as follows

Manila Cordage 14
Manila Boltrope 17

the others same as last forwarded you in ours of 21st inst at which please hold our Cordage until further advice

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer
Clerk NB Co

Liverpool 3rd Dec 1817

Messrs Bain & Smith

Havana

Gentlemen. We wrote you on the 21st ult naming prices for Cargo Sugar [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Your Respy

[illegible]

Liverpool 3rd Dec 1817

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible]

Gentlemen. We have this day advanced our prices for Cargo as follows

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Your Respy

[illegible]

New Bedford May 27. 1847

Messrs Thos Whitney & Co

Gents

Your favor of 25th with a/c Sales of 100 coils Cordage for a/c N.B. Cordage Co is recd. We have examined the a/c and find that it falls short in weight about 248 lbs from Invoice sent. This is so much that there was an error in weighing. The Cordage was all weighed by our Clerk with great care and you through it [illegible] Please examine into it as the above deficiency seems rather too large.

Yours Respectfully

New Bedford May 28. 1847

Wm Earle Esq.

Dear Sir — Your favor of 27 is recd. We are now selling Manilla Rope at 14 c per lb, at which rate we will sell you this time assorted from 1½ to 4 in circumference less 3½ pct for Cash —

Yours Respectfully

[illegible] Treas —

N.B. Cordage Co —

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New Bedford Nov 27. 1827

Mess. Wm. Whiting & Co

Gent.

Your favor of 23rd inst with Sales of 110 Casks Oil [illegible] & c. We have examined the [illegible] and find that it falls short in weight about 24 3/8 [illegible] Cask. This is [illegible]. There was no [illegible] in weighing. The Casks were all weighed by the Clerk with great care. [illegible] & the above difference [illegible].

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 28. 1827

Wm. Cass Esq. Dear Sir - Your favor of 27 inst. [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] per [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford May 26. 1847

Messrs Barings Bros &c

Gentlemen —.

Your favor of April 23 informing me that Captain Fred. A. Read of Brig Osceola at Sligo had deposited in your hands to my credit a Bill on Bank for £425 — was duly recd. I have drawn on you under date of May 20 in favor of B. S. Rotch at sixty days from sight for the amount £425. which bill please accept. Mr T. W. Ward of Boston informs me that if there should be any Bal of Cut and Comm either way it can be settled through him: In which case please notify me.

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch —.

[illegible] Nov. 26. 1847

Messrs Baring Brothers

Gentlemen —

Your favor of April 23 informing me that Captain [illegible] of Ship [illegible] at [illegible] have deposited in your hands to my credit a Bill on [illegible] for £435 — was duly recd. I have drawn on you under date of Nov 26 in favor of [illegible] at Sixty days from sight for the amount £435 which Bill please accept. Mr [illegible] informs me that there should be any [illegible] other way it can be settled through him. In which case please notify me.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible] —

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New Bedford [illegible] 9th [illegible]

Messrs Rundlett & Richardson

Gent= Annexed I send you Invoice
of Duck No 10 which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
anytime before [illegible] with the understanding that
the Order should commence ~~at the~~ time [illegible] [illegible]. I
accordingly consign the same as delivered now and [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] and all expences [illegible] & will
of course be paid by the Purchaser of the Duck to whom
by the terms of the Contract it is now delivered —
Before receiving [illegible] favor of [illegible] Mr [illegible] had made
11 bolts & [illegible] which had been sent [illegible] R [illegible]
& [illegible] Invoice of which you [illegible] [illegible] marked R.
I suppose of course that as you said you would [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] that you wanted them. [illegible] [illegible] you
will be able to dispose of these [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and will authorise you to sell them [illegible] [illegible]
be [illegible] of your Neighbours [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Wanted in July. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Manilla still continues very
scarce. Manilla [illegible] sells at 12¼ (what little there is
[illegible]) & Cordage @ 14¼ per lb. We have not enough to
enable us to make any new contracts for it at present.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Junr

New Bedford June 1. 1847

Messrs Noble & Sturtevant
Gent.

Yr favor of 29th ulto. Rec'd
Lading & Bill 40 Tons Coal per Sea Plant
enclosed I send you a check for
$200. Am't Bill, for which please send me
a receipt. If there is any probability of
freights being lower I should prefer that the
Bal. of the coal should not be shipped yet.
Please write me your opinion on the subject.

Yr Respectfully Wm. J. Rotch Treas.
N.B. Cordage Co.

P.S. We do not want any more of
the Lump Coal

[illegible] June 2d. 1847

W. R. Stebbins Esq

Dear Sir —

Your favor of 31st inst. [illegible] would say that Manilla has risen so much that at this present time we cannot contract to deliver it at less than 14½ ¢ per lb. It has been steadily advancing all the year & will probably yet be higher so that we would not agree to sell at this price more than a week. We are now selling readily at 14 ¢ cash here and expect soon to obtain more. The supply of Manilla will not be one tenth part of the demand as very little is expected before November & December. The Boston dealers are selling at 14½ ¢ in Boston. I annex a list of prices at which we are willing to contract to a limited extent now. If the ships you speak of want cordage I think you would [illegible] before contracting for it, [illegible] out of [illegible] to furnish it. The annexed prices are for the [illegible] —

Yours Respectfully

Tarred Cordage 1st Quality 11 ¢
Manilla do 14½ ¢

6 mos —

Wm [illegible] Treas.

Sales of Copper [illegible] made by the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] of Crocker [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible].

New Bedford June 5 [illegible]

[illegible] Shipping [illegible] [illegible]

8145 lbs [illegible] at 6 mo [illegible] 1940.52

Due 3 mos 15 / 2 1/2 % Commission [illegible] [illegible] 48.56

[illegible] 1891.[illegible]

Owing to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 112.10 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] New Bedford [illegible] [illegible]

Manilla Cordage [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] T. Rugg.

[illegible] [illegible] should [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] large [illegible] should [illegible] Phila in 1845. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of Yellow Metal in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Yrs Respectfully — [illegible]

New Bedford June 5. 1847

Messrs Thomas & Co.

Gent=

Yr favor of 1st is recd. Owing to the almost total failure in the supply of Manilla Hemp our price for that description of Cordage has been constantly advancing. We cannot now sell less than the following rates viz

Manilla Cordage — 15 a 16 cents —
Tarred do — 11 a

And we should not be willing to make large contracts even at this, as we confidently expect it will be higher — We could furnish the quantity for which you apply at the above rate provided the purchaser agrees to take it within one week. But we should not let offer stand longer & in case it is taken the credit will commence as soon as we can turn out the cordage —

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible] Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford June 5. 1847

Messrs [illegible] & Co.

Gent.=

We have yours of 1st inst.

Owing to the advance [illegible] in the supply of Manila Hemp [illegible] the consumption of Cordage we have concluded to advance. We cannot now sell at less than the following rates viz

Manila Cordage — 15 1/2 cents

Tarred do — 11 1/2

and the above only to customers [illegible] large contracts [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford June 5th 47

P. W. Parkman Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible] I regret that it is not in my power to [illegible] with [illegible] the New England Bank. I shall be happy however to have it [illegible] When Bottles are to be shipped.

Yours Respectfully

P.S.

Manilla Cordage 14½ to 15 [illegible]

New Bedford June 5 /47

Wm C. Hichborn Esq

Dear Sir—

Yr favor of 31 with a/c Sales (partial) of Summer oil & a/c Current with the late firm D. Coffin & Co enclosing Check on State Bank for $90.55 for Bal is recd & entered accordingly. I notice yr remarks respecting the two other casks sold awaiting Sales of which I remain

yrs Respectfully

New Bedford June 5/51

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford June 5/51

Wm. Nickerson Esq

Dear Sir –

[illegible]

New Bedford 6 mo 7th 1847

Edward Crowell Jr Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 5th came to hand this morning and contents noted. We have made the cordage for your new ship at the price given you on the 1st inst, and think we can give you such a gang of rigging as you will feel perfectly satisfied with and willing to give us the preference for the Brig of 180 tons you are to have launched in March. We should like to have the dimensions for this vessel as soon as convenient to you that we can take a good one day to lay it up in as we want to commence something a little extra. The price of Manila cordage is steadily advancing. Sales made in Boston and New York last week at 10½ & 11.

Yours Respy

S. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

List of Yellow Metal returned to
Mess Cribben Bros & Co per Rail Road
June 8th 1847 — By Wm J Rotch —.

300	Sheets	34 oz	weighing	3010 lb
185	"	32 "		1755 "
228	"	30 "		1998 "
32	"	28 "		263 "
154	"	26 "		1170 "
61	"	24 "		464 "
30	"	22 "		195 "
47	"	20 "		270 "
248	"	18 "		1204 "
	Remnants			31 "
1285	Sheets		Weighing	10440 "

E E Cribben Bros & Co [illegible] Wm J Rotch

Mess Cribben Bro & Co [illegible]

[illegible] pounds of 7th [illegible]

Also send you Memo of Yellow Metal
remaining in store for you [illegible]. It falls short
as you will perceive, twenty nine pounds (29)
of the original weight upon delivering & [illegible]
[illegible] — Respectfully Wm J Rotch

B. B. Haskell Esq

Dear Sir. Your favor of 1st with Memorandum for Ships Gear & Cordage is rec'd & will receive prompt attention. With regard to future contracts It is impossible for us now to contract for Manilla Cordage, the price varies so much. At this time we should ask 15¢ but it may be lower in the fall. You may contract for the Tarred Cordage at present rate say 18¢ and for Manilla at the market price when wanted. This I think would be a better plan for the Purchaser as the price is now so unsettled.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Noble Treas.

P. S. With regard to the tar I would say that we put into our Shrouding about 14 pct tar. But if the Rope is properly laid and pressed as it should be, the tar must come out somewhat. We can lay the rope if you prefer so that you shall not see a drop of tar upon it, but it will not be as good: will stretch and not wear half so long.

You can easily see that if the rope is well pressed in laying, the tar however little is put in will show itself. There is no more tar in our rope than is necessary to preserve it & we presume your friends would prefer to see the tar rather than have a rope half laid and pressed

Yrs &c W. J. N.

[illegible]

Dear Sir.

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford June 11. 18[illegible]

Messrs Abbe & Sturtevant

Gent

I have this day given to Mr Samuel F. Gray of [illegible] an order on you for [illegible] (which [illegible] will bring). He [illegible] to bring it for $1.75 per ton provided he can [illegible] it at Richmond. If not it is [illegible] bargain. Will you [illegible] possible? He wants to bring [illegible] and I wish you would [illegible] there [illegible] Lehigh Coal of the [illegible] suitable [illegible] furnaces. He [illegible] there [illegible] at Richmond)

Lehigh

66 tons of the [illegible]

[illegible]

Please [illegible] this arrangement.

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasurer

of N Bedford Cordage Co

New Bedford June 16 1847

Messrs Coffin & Weld

Messrs Thomas Rodman ...

[illegible]

New Bedford June 16. 1847

W Rathbone Esq

Dear Sir - Your favor of 9 inst, with a/c Sales of the two remaining casks of our Summer oil & check for $371.17/100 Bal due. ~~...~~

Thus I believe closes the a/c. I notice the oil falls short a good deal from our Invoice some Fifty gallons -

Yrs Respectfully

Wm R Rotch

[illegible]

New Bedford June 14. 1847

W. Wilkinson Esq

Dear Sir — Your favr of 7 inst

with acct sales of the last remaining cask of our

Summer oil — Nett proceeds $271.17/100 [illegible]

We have closed the a/c. We notice the oil falls short

a good deal from our Invoice [illegible] —

Respectfully yrs

[illegible]

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New Bedford June 14. 1847

Messrs Thomas Scott

Gent

Your favor of 10 is rec'd & contents noted. With regard to Manilla it is impossible for us to make it any less as the present price of the Hemp is 13 ¢ per lb in Boston. Manilla Rope is selling in New York for 15 ¢ per lb. I do not believe the Plymouth Co will sell more than one Gang @ 14 ¢. On the Tarred you may contract for 10 ¢ and the better way for the Purchaser would be to buy the Manilla when he wants it at the market price then, as it will probably be lower in a couple of months. At present I doubt if any Manufacturer would contract largely unless for delivery late in the fall. As the Manilla Cordage is the last thing you want for the Ship, the above course I think must be best & we will contract in that way. Tarred at 10 ¢ & Manilla at the market price in Boston when it is wanted.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treasurer

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New Bedford June 14. 1847

Messrs Bean & Smith

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]

Gents — I understand that [illegible] building a large ship [illegible] and [illegible] about [illegible] Cordage — [illegible] that a look out for the [illegible] improvements [illegible] purchase.

[illegible] Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford June 9th

New Bedford 6 mo 16th 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin [illegible] 16 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Cordage [illegible]

[illegible] Cordage [illegible]

Shall fill your orders allowing you the same Commission as heretofore

Yours Respy

[illegible]

L 5

H – 4s

L – 4s

[illegible] – twos

[illegible] – two

[illegible] – four

7 [illegible] in all

Yours Respectfully

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New Bedford June 11 1847

Mess Newbold & Cruft —

Gent = I forwd 17 with Bill Lading 58 Bales Hemp per "Sarah" — Enclosed you have check on Boston for Thirteen hundred dollars which please place to credit of N B Cordage Co. I hope you will be able to forward the Bal soon with your Bill —

Yrs Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas =

New Bedford June 30th/47

Messrs Crocker & Co

Gent = Your favr of 16 was duly recd & annexed I send you a Sales of Hemp to date. Nett proceeds due Nov 13, 1847 $504.89 for which enclosed I send you my note at 5 mos from 13th. All which I trust will be found correct & satisfactory.

I am entirely out of the following sizes — Please send the quantity of Hemp annexed of each number soon.

H 5's	2 - tons
L 5's	2 - tons
H - 4's	2 - tons
L - 4's	1 - tons
	7 tons in all

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch

Bushire June 11 1807

[illegible]

[illegible]

Bushire June 30 1807

[illegible]

H 5s ... [illegible]
5s [illegible]
H - 4s [illegible]
2 - 4s [illegible]

7 [illegible] in all

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

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New Bedford June 22d. 1847

Mess Pierce & Bullock

Gent. Annexed you have Invoice of the Cordage ordered in yr favor of 21. [illegible] and also the costs named [illegible] as reported by your Mr P— when here. The cordage will go to R Road this morning—

Yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treasr

P.S. Please inform me if you intend to ask your Bill or not!

New Bedford June 22/47

Mess [illegible] & Co

Gent. I last wrote you May 31. since which am without any of yr favors. I write now to request you to ship by first vessel the Bal of our unhackled Hemp as I do not think it will be of any use to wait longer for a decline in freights. Hemp is falling so much faster here than with you, that I do not think it will be best for you to purchase any more of the Hackled, even though you should find such a lot as that described in my last. I think I can do better here.

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Treasurer

New Bedford June 22. 1847

[illegible]

Gent. [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

P.S. Please [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford June 22. 1847

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

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New Bedford June 2d/67

J. C. Mead Esq

Dear Sir — Above you have check for $108.77 — [illegible] We wish to inform you that the "Robbins Gauge Co" are now putting up [illegible] machine [illegible] teeth [illegible] after July — the teeth are straight and set at an acute angle in wooden laggings — [illegible] frame, using the [illegible] rolls instead of the belts. They have also [illegible] dispensing with the Regulator. Please inform me on which if any of these machines you can claim the right [illegible] that we may put a stop to their proceedings —

Yours very Respectfully
[illegible] Treas.
N. B. Gauge Co.

[illegible] Patent for [illegible] Separating Machine [illegible] teeth [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford June 26/47

J. C. Wild Esq
Cashier Boston Bank

Dear Sir: Above you have check for $1057 — Amt N.B. Cordage Co's note falling due at your Bank 23/26th. Please return me the note and oblige yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasurer

New Bedford June 25. 1847

J. Barrett Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 23d enclosing Bill Lading & Bill of 128 Bales Hemp was duly recd. Enclosed I send you a check on Atlas Bank for $3947 [illegible] being amt of Bill less 4 pct which you would inform me was the discount agreed upon at the time of sale. Please send me a receipt for the same. We shall not buy any more. Inform immediately how the lot arrived of which you spoke to me &c and at what do you hold it —

Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treasurer

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[illegible] Treasurer's Office [illegible]

J. C. Hunt Esq
Cashier [illegible] Bank

Dear Sir: Above you have check
for $1057 — amt. W. B. [illegible] note falling due at
your Bank 3/26 inst. Please return the
note [illegible] Very respectfully yours

Wm. [illegible] Treasurer

[illegible]

J. Bennett Esq

Dear Sir: [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Very Respectfully [illegible] Treasurer

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New Bedford June 24th 1847
Mess Kendall & Richardson
Gent

I have drawn on you as follows in favor of Jos Ricketson viz
at 6 mos from May 1st for 1000 } pay at
" 6 " " June 1st " $1000 } the Bank
which please accept and charge to N B Cordage Co. I have been obliged to draw on you as our payments are large at this time. Please inform me what is now the price of Cordage with you and whether you would contract for Sarays in this way viz. The same to be at the present market price with you and the Manila at the price at which it may be when wanted. This I thought would be the best way for the Purchaser as Manila Cordage is now so high.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treasurer

P.S.
At what time next me to the Ship Gray to be delivered. It is now done—

Fort Defiance [illegible] Sept 1847

Hon [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Sir

I have drawn on you as follows [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Dec 23: 1843

[illegible] Richardson Esq [illegible]

[illegible] your favour of 21st enclosing
Bill Lading of [illegible] Bales Hemp per Schooner [illegible]
[illegible] Bill [illegible] but by our
Supt [illegible] the weight was [illegible] Enclosed I send
you check $1357 [illegible] on the Atlas Bank of Boston
in the [illegible] of your Bill [illegible] at rate of [illegible] &
59 lbs tare deducted from the [illegible] lot. We found 29
Bales of this lot with both ends covered & therefore [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] on them. I am sorry to find
that the "R" Hemp is not to be depended upon for
uniformity. We have found in the lot purchased
of you five Bales which are a disgrace to Richardson
manufactory. I have directed Mr Evans to send you
a sample taken from one of them that you
may see what now comes to us under the R stamp.
You will not I think consider it such Hemp as that
brand warranted us in expecting. I have seen your
letter to Mr Evans this morning & must agree with
you that it is very remarkable that the only lot of
poor R Hemp should fall to our share; for poor it must
certainly be as you will yourself confess when you see
the sample. It contrasts very unfavorably with the lot
bot of Mr Burnett at the same time & price. The latter
reminds us of the R Hemp as it was formerly uniform throughout.
When you receive the sample I should like

[illegible]

New Bedford June 27/47

Cashr

[illegible] 7 [illegible] Bills [illegible] 3675.61 [illegible] 3.58 = 3671.13

[illegible]

Cashier City Bank

N.Y.

Check June 19 — 30 [illegible]

[illegible] 71.42

Check June 25. 7357.54

[illegible] Int on bills 41.36

Above [illegible] amount [illegible] N.B. Cordage Co [illegible] $3671.13

[illegible]

Oblige Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford June 26. 1847

Messrs Perry & Bullock

Gentn Your favor of 25 is recd. We will attend to the lines when recd and credit you with the Spunyarn returned. With regard to the 7/8 cts Cordage sent you I believe the agree exactly with your order. But if you find you have more than you want please sell them for y N.B. Cordage Co and remit us the proceeds. Let us know what you reserve that we may make out your a/c correctly

Yours Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treasurer

N.B. Cordage Co

West [illegible] June 26. 1847

Messrs Fleming & [illegible]

Gents Your fav of 25 inst. We have [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford June 29/47

J. Earl Williams Esq
Cashier City Bank

Dear Sir

Above I send you
Check for $2556 17/100 am't N.B. Cordage Co to
a/c Wm. Rotch Jr's draft falling due at your Bank
on 30th inst. Please return the draft and
oblige yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Pres't
N.B. Cordage Co

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[illegible] Duncan June 29/57

J. [illegible] Watson Esq
Cashier City Bank
New Or.

Dear Sir — I hand you
enclosed for $2196 75/100 on N.O. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Please advise [illegible] safe receipt
Yours Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible]

New Bedford June 30. 1847

Messrs [illegible] New York

Gentlemen Your favor of 28 inst [illegible] [illegible] & send you [illegible] [illegible] the specimen returned by you which you say [illegible] are taken [illegible] the [illegible] of our [illegible] – the best [illegible] you have [illegible] [illegible] at same [illegible] price [illegible] We are [illegible] 144 [illegible] 4 [illegible] 3 [illegible] 9 [illegible] 24 [illegible] that you can [illegible] [illegible] bone to bind [illegible] them. [illegible] you [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible] unless [illegible] in the [illegible] The [illegible] had been [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] from the [illegible] and [illegible] it [illegible]. It usually [illegible] about the same. When the [illegible] is [illegible] will weigh a little more & when dry a little less.

Yours Respectfully

Wm R. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford Feby 1. 1847

B B Haskell Esqr

Dear Sir — I last wrote you under date of 10th June since which have not heard from you. I write now to say that your three Gangs are done and we consider them as good as any we ever made. We should like to send them forward now if you can receive them as we are somewhat crowded with Rope at our Factory. These Gangs will bear by examination and I should like you to have them where they can be seen by your Merchants. Please write me by return mail if you can take care of them without extra expense until they are wanted & also what may be the prospect with you for further sales —

Yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treasr

William A. Gordon
To William J. Rotch

1847		
1 mo 1	To Amt. as per Bill [illegible]	54.48
	[illegible] to 1 mo 1 1847	1.09
	" 6 months Ground Rent to Date	54.00
	[illegible] Int. on $109 57/100 to 7 mo 1847	3.29
7 mo 1	To 6 months Ground Rent to Date	54.00
		$166.86
	Cr. Cash 7 mo 1 1847	

New Bedford July 1. 1847

Dr Gordon -

Dear Sir - Above you will find your Bill of Ground Rents unpaid since July 1. 1846 - This is quite too long. I have been expecting you to call and settle the different Bills before this and only now to say that the whole sum due viz $166.86/100 must be paid without further delay or the Lease terminated according to its provisions -

Yours Respectfully Wm J Rotch -

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New Bedford July 1 1847

Mess. Newbold & Cresson

Gent. Your favor of 30 ins. rec'd.
I will see how much of the Hemp is like the
sample and let you know. My object in
writing you about it was not to claim
damages so much as that you might know
what was the quality & time of the R Hemp.
I am glad to find that all the Bales did not
open so unfavorably and to believe that
the poorly prepared Hemp came there by
accident or without Mr R—s knowledge.
The R Hemp ought, or at least I have
been led to believe that it ought, to be
fully equal to any in Market and totally
free from Shives — This will be handed
you by Mr Leander Plummer the Clerk of
the N. Bedford Cordage Co who can give
you any further information respecting
the Hemp rec'd from you which you may
desire —

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford July 7. 1847

L. [illegible] Esq Cashier

Dear Sir Enclosed you have check for $6078.51/100 [illegible] Cordage [illegible] which please [illegible] credit [illegible] oblige

[illegible] Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford July 7/47

Messrs [illegible] & Bennett

Gents — Yours of 6th with check for $1486.25/100 am[oun]t [illegible] against Ship Richmond & Owners is rec[eive]d [illegible] respecting the [illegible] Cordage [illegible] hope you will get a good [illegible]

Manilla Cordage at [illegible] 1st Quality [illegible]

[illegible] Treas

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New Bedford July 7/47

J. L. Hill Esq Cashier

Dear Sir — Above you have check for $384.50/100 am[oun]t N.B. Cordage Co's Note payable at your Bank on the 9th prox. Please return the note to me.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas[r]

New Bedford July 7/47

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent[leme]n — I wrote you on 24th ult. since which I have not heard from you. I wrote you informing you of two drafts drawn on you for $1000 each in favor of J. Ricketson one at 6 mos from May 1st & one 6 mos from June 1st payable at Mech. Bank. Also concerning the [illegible] now here and future contracts. Please write me immediately.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas[r]

New Bedford July 7 1847

J. C. Mann Esq Cashier

Dear Sir - Enclosed you have Check for $354.50 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Please

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -

Yours Respectfully

Wm R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford July 7 1847

Messrs [illegible] & Richardson

Gent - I wrote you on 3rd inst. since then I have not heard from you -

I write you informing you of two drafts drawn on you for $700 each in favor of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Please [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] -

Yours Respectfully

Wm R. Rotch Treasr

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New Bedford July 7. 1847

B B Howell Esq

Dear Sir — Your favor of 4th is rec^d & contents noted — I will have the two Yarns forwarded as you wish on the 12th. The order of course will begin, when by your contract it should viz J.K. as on the 1st of Aug. & Vannah as on 15th Aug.

With regard to future contracts — I would say that you may contract for Tarred at the price you name viz 10 1/4 or of 1st quality. Rather cordage can be bought low the way still on. We do not want more than a fair market price. But we consider our cordage of the 1st Quality & would not be willing to bring the price into competition with that of an inferior article —

With regard to Manilla cordage we cannot contract now at any lower rate than the one last sent you viz 15 1/4. But we are willing to do as we proposed in ours of 10th to you viz. Contract for the Tarred now (which is what you want first) and the Manilla whenever the Purchaser wishes. — Write me what you think of this plan. It seems to me the best one —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas

New Bedford July 7. 1847

Dear Sir - Your favor of 4th inst [illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford July 7. 1847

Messrs Plummer & Co

Gent.n Your favor of 3d inst. with Bill Lading twenty five (25) Bbls per Schr Angel and Bill of same amounting to $415.63 is rec.d. In your letter of May 31st you say "Please let the Soft stand & charge us with the am.t as we have the Bal of the 100 Bbls (say 50) Tar which we will ship per first opportunity." Now you say you could not get said and have been obliged to purchase at a higher rate. We should think if you had purchased for us 100 Bbls & 50 have been delivered it would be evidence enough of the contract to enforce compliance. We do not see why if you bought the 100 Bbls for us, we can't have it. This backing out of contract when the price happens to rise is not the thing. We hope you will be able to compel the fulfillment of this contract —

Yours Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas.
N B Cordage Co

New Bedford July 7. 1847

Mess Mudwell & Craft

Gentlemen - We have now gone through with the "R" Hemp. We have found none of it any worse than that sent you - Much of it as bad, some better & hardly a Bale which would deserve a comparison with such "R" Hemp as we have had or with the Lot purchased of Mr Burnett at the same time - Of the two Lots bot of you viz the "R" Hemp and the (R) Hemp the former at $185 & latter $150 were now in your Store offered at the same price I would take the latter. You may be surprised at this but can believe it when I tell you that the (R) was passed without Hackling into our Spinning Room (as all the "R" Hemp ought to and be.) while the present Lot of "R" had to go through our Hacklers to clean it of the Shives & dirt which were on it as you saw by the Sample. It is true that some of the Bales were of a finer staple but the better preparation of the (R) more than compensates for this. I should say that the two Lots were about equal in value though I should with the knowledge I now have of them prefer the (R)

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If therefore you ask what I think you ought to do I would say that I think you should put the Lot of "R" Hemp lot of yours @ $185 at the price of "R" @ $150 or if you believe that was sold too low what that Hemp was worth on the market at the time. By referring to your letter of 17th however I find that you again offer us 25 Bales of the "R" at $150 - so that I presume $150 may fairly be taken as the market price of Clean Hemp and as much as the lot of "R" is worth. This would be a reduction of $35 per ton.

Yours Respectfully
Robt. Mead

P.S. If you have this Lot of 25 Bales now on hand for sale at same price I will take it at $150

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[illegible] You well what I think You ought to
say that I think You should put the
[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford July 30 1847

Messrs Crocker & Co

Gent = I wrote you on the 3 inst by the Sale of Hops & my note for $ 504.3 and also requesting you to send me the remaining Lot of Hops. Since which have not heard from you. Please inform me if you sell the rest of the Sales & send me the Hops &c

2 Tiers of 7 — 4 5's
2 — — 7 — 2 5's
2 — — 7 — 4 4's
1 — — — — 2

Yours Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford July 10th 1847.

Messrs [illegible] [illegible]

Dear [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] is at hand:
It is rather an [illegible] [illegible] of things [illegible]
in [illegible] Cordage as [illegible] the [illegible] prices may
be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
difficult [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] price [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] so many [illegible] [illegible]
Kinds of Cordage — [illegible] But [illegible] agree to
furnish the [illegible] Brig [illegible] [illegible]
Cordage to be delivered within 6 days after
the price [illegible] [illegible] Shall [illegible]
[illegible] a fair Standard [illegible] Boston
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] If you can [illegible] please
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
If you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when the vessel
[illegible] [illegible] Cordage of which you speak the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the price [illegible]
may be [illegible] [illegible] But cannot say
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Respectfully [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] I shall be glad to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

New Bedford July 13. 1867

B B Haskell Esq

Dear Sir - Yr favor of 10th is rec'd & contents noted - You may sell the two Gangs to which you refer as follows the Tarred at 10¢ and the Manilla at 14½¢. with this understanding that if Mr Spooner of Plymouth will sell his Manilla at less, we will, provided he does not sell less than 13½¢ - We cannot contract at any rate for less than 13½ and will not at that unless the Plymouth Cordage Co (not the Robbins Co) of which Mr Spooner is agent offers his at this price - If he does not we wish you to ask 14½¢ for ours which is ½ a cent less than the New York price - These prices are for the Cordage delivered at the Boston Depot as for the three Gangs sold by you -

Two of these Gangs have gone to Boston today and will be at the Depot subject to the order of Captn Louis Minchenbach(?) - You will find them fully equal to any Cordage [illegible] in this place, as we consider our Cordage as good as any made in the Country - Enclosed I send you our Invoice of the two Gangs. I shall be glad to forward the other as soon as you can receive it as it is done & somewhat in the way -

Yrs Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas =

New Bedford July 14/47

Captn Ewer of Ship Emily Morgan.

Dear Sir—

My object in writing you at this time is to call your attention to the Sperm Whale fishery. There have been some first rate voyages made out of Sperm oil & [illegible] you [illegible] get such information as to make it advisable to cruise [illegible] for Sperm oil. It counts up fast, one Bbl of Sperm being worth three of Whale. You must get some Sperm in order to make a good paying voyage & suppose you [illegible] & fill up with Sperm oil. You are well appointed to take it & all your officers are good Sperm whalers.

Sperm oil is now worth $100 per gall and Whale only 32 @ 33. Bone about 27 & so you can figure up the [illegible] profit on the Sperm. 1800 Bbls of Sperm will make the paying voyage you see and after that the profits run up fast. You will be able to get all the information [illegible] there. A great deal of Sperm oil [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

If you cant get 25 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible]

Very Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford July 14/47

Henry Lyons Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of June 1st enclosing Bill against Captn Read of Brig Osceola was rec— In reply I can only say that when Captn Read returns I will enquire into the matter and endeavor to have the right thing done to you as well as to him — I expect him early next month —

Yrs Respectfully Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford July 14/47

John E. Forbes Esq

Dear Sir —

I wish you would purchase for the N B. Cordage Co Twenty-five Bbls of Russia Tar and ship by first packet. If you cant get 25 send as what you can —

Yrs Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford July 14/47

Henry [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir, Yours of 7 June rec'd [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully Wm. Rotch

New Bedford July 14/47

John E. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir — I thank you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

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Mount Pleasant July 17 1847

Messrs Arnold & Hunt

Gent. Yr favor of 15 inst. received.

In answer I can only say that about one third of the R. Stock was like the sample sent you and perhaps a quarter of what it ought to be. Though it is extremely difficult to get at it accurately. You can allow what you think right upon it. I would quite as soon take 50 [illegible] and consider the R worth as much and no more than that.

Yrs Respectfully Wm. J. R[illegible]

The [illegible] of the R Heap after taking out the quantity I refer above to one third & the quarter was actually fair. Not clean & it should be & yet not bad enough to be wholly rejected.

New Bedford July 17. 1847

Mess Randall & Richardson

Gent= By our favor of 9 inst

America I send you a Invoice of the Stuff

Gang No 11. Which You will Receive today

[illegible]

[illegible] have not been [illegible]

[illegible] 3 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

500 [illegible] as the Agent for the [illegible]

I have been [illegible] Cotton [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] No 3 mentioned in my letter of 15th June

[illegible] to take the 5 [illegible] at the price at which

[illegible] may be [illegible] wanted — If first quality [illegible]

Cordage can be [illegible] 10 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1–34 [illegible]

[illegible]

no object at all!

Wm R Rotch

Yrs Respectfully Wm R Rotch Treas=

P.S. One of our Riggers has worked one of the Ropes which was made for the Gang No 11 & pronounced it first rate: so that I have no doubt the Gang will give good satisfaction

New Bedford July 17. 1847 184

Mess Kendall & Richardson

Gent. Your favor of 9. is recd. Annexed I send you a Memo of the Ship Gang No 11. which goes to the R. Road today & which you will find first rate. How did the last one prove? We have not seen Mr Stevens yet. When he comes shall be glad to show him our Rope & will warrant it fully equal to any that Mr Robbins can make.

There is no change in prices as yet. Manilla continues very scarce and high. We cannot contract at any lower rates than before but think it would be better for you to contract in the way mentioned in my letter of 24th June viz to take the Manilla at the price at which it may be when wanted. If first quality tarred Cordage can be had in Boston at 10¼ which I doubt, we should be willing to sell at that price delivered in Boston which I presume is the condition of the Boston offer. When Mr Stevens comes here I can show him the difference between the different qualities of American Hemp & that one cent per lb is no object at all.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm. Rotch Jr.

P.S. One of our Riggers has worked one of the Ropes which was made for the Gang No 11 & pronounced it first Rate: so that I have no doubt the Gang will give good Satisfaction

New Orleans July 17. 1849

Messrs [illegible]

Gent= Your favor of 9th inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

Manilla continues very scarce and high. We cannot contract at any lower rates than [illegible]

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

New Bedford 7 mo 20/47

Ship [illegible]
Bo't of New Bed. Cordage Co

1847 7 mo 20	1 Set Cutting Tackling 301		
	4 Coils Lanyard		
	5 do Ratling	95 687 lbs	61.83
	2 Coils Towline		
	1 Coil Deepsea line	30 @ 25	7.50
	1 Hand lead line		1.00
	Bolt rope	599 @ 13c	77.87
		1364 lbs	$153.96

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin
Nantucket Gents

Above we hand memo of Cordage this day sent you [illegible] [illegible] 3 1/2 Bolt rope [illegible] [illegible] with the 20 [illegible] [illegible] Lead? How many [illegible] [illegible] one Coil [illegible] 200 [illegible] above & much oblige

Respectfully
Yours very Resp[ectfully]
[illegible]
[illegible] & Co

One [illegible] remain [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] sent you—

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New Bedford July 20. 1847

A R Stickney Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 17th recd.

We are selling here 1st Quality American Cordage @ 11¢ & Manilla 14¢ — You may contract for the Ships you speak of at following rates viz

Tarred 1st Quality	11¢	6 mos.
Manilla Cordage	14¢	
Russia Tard Bolt Rope	14¢	

This is as low as good cordage can be bought for any where and we should not care to sell lower — We pay for such Manilla Hemp as we have (and there can be nothing better) $300 per ton or for Manilla 12¢ per lb so that you can see for yourself that no one can sell fairly at less rates than we offer — They must either cheat the Purchaser or themselves. It is not common to do the latter —

Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas

Contract for Manilla [illegible]
Shall be glad to see Capt [illegible]
better at the factory —
Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas

P.S. We are selling our cordage here nearly at 11¢ for tarred & 14¢ for Manilla.

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New Bedford July 21. 47

B. E. Forbes Esq.

Dear Sir. Yr favor of 16th was duly rec'd & contents noticed. I will take your Cordage [illegible] of the Manilla you speak of to arrive per Robert Fulton provided it arrives before the 20th of September next at 10¢ per lb 6 mos. If it arrives after that date the contract not to be binding. If you will sell in this way let me know by return of mail.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treas
N B Cordage Co

New Bedford July 21 '47

Mess. Kendall & Richardson

Gent. Yr favor of 19 is rec'd. Under same date I wrote you with Invoice of Cargo No 11. Referring to which I would say. We cannot contract for American Hemp Cordage of 1st quality at less than 10¢ and if the Purchaser wishes to contract for Manilla now should charge [illegible] Shall be glad to see Capt. McKown & Mr Stevens either at our Factory.

Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treas

P.S. We are selling our Cordage here readily at 11¢ for tarred & 14¢ for Manilla.

New Bedford July 30. 47

J. L. Foster Esq

Dear Sir, [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford July 31 1847

Mr Charles Richardson

Dear Sir, [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

Yours [illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

New Bedford July 21/47

Mess Apple & Sturtevant

Gent = by Capt. Anthony, have been in to see a cargo of Coal shipped by you. He informs me that there is an advance of 12½ c per ton charged upon Coal after 1st July. Are we subject to this for the Bal of our Coal? Please inform me about this and also what kind of Coal this of Anthony's is. He says it is the same as ours Lehigh Chestnut. And what are freights now?

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford July 21/47

L. M. Stone Esq

Cashier Merchants Bank

Dear Sir – Above is check for $2537.88/100 amt. W.B. Cedar Co's note due at yr Bank 22d. Please return the note and oblige yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas.

Mt Dragon July 9th/[illegible]

Messrs Agt & Treasurer

Dear Sir— Capt. Shattuck has an [illegible]

[illegible] days of Coal [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] July

[illegible] of our Coal?

Please inform [illegible]

[illegible] of Coal [illegible] Shattuck's [illegible]

the same as [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

Wm. [illegible] Treas.

Mt Dragon July 9th/[illegible]

J. M. Hunt Esq

Cashier Merchants Bank

Dear Sir— Above is check

for $2527.[illegible]/100 on a/c M.B. [illegible] note due on

7th Month 22d? Please return the note and

oblige Yours Respectfully Wm. [illegible] Treas.

New Bedford July 21/47

Messrs J. H. Clason & Co

Gent ——— I wrote you on the 19th requesting you to forward 7 Bolts of ?? Duck viz No 3. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. as a Sample. The Panthera is waiting to decide between yours & the Baltimore. He wants a whole suit. If you have not already sent them will you please forward them immediately on receipt of this by Express. & also inform if you can furnish a whole suit within a week or ten days. There seems to be a disposition now on the part of Ship Owners here to give Cotton Duck a fair trial. If they decide to use it the Demand and sales will be Large. I think I can get for yours the preference if they once see it & try it. Please reply by Express if you have not already written —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch

John Dean Jr Esq

Dear Sir

The two Ranges of Cordage now in the Depot in Boston for Haddock Capt. Muckenbach are not found when last in Boston — he will be there in a day or two again & will call on you for the Cordage as there was sold [illegible] in the Depot in Boston you will please collect your bill [illegible] Carting to [illegible] of him & we have instructed him to that effect.

Yours Resp

[illegible] Plummer

Clerk W. B. [illegible] Co

Capt. [illegible] 1817

Dear Friend

Your order for [illegible] the Boston [illegible] Depot [illegible] the 3 barrels of Beef [illegible] 120 lbs 23019 which you [illegible] John Dean Jr [illegible] the freight [illegible] please [illegible] on the Beef [illegible] the Depot [illegible] Mr Dean [illegible] in Boston – the Beef [illegible] in the Depot in Boston [illegible]

[illegible]

Clerk [illegible]

New Bedford 7 mo. 22 1817

John Dean Jr Esq

Dear Sir The two barrels of Beef now in the Depot in Boston left [illegible] Capt. [illegible] did not go when last in Boston – he will be there in a day or two again & will call on you for the [illegible] at these barrels now [illegible] there in the Depot in Boston you will please collect your bill of Lading to [illegible] of him & he has in-structions [illegible] to that effect.

[illegible]

Clerk [illegible]

New Bedford July 22/47

J. E. Forbes Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 21. is rec'd.

I cannot contract except with a limit on time — Manilla voyages are too uncertain at your price — I have already 1200 Bales contracted for at 6 1/2 to 6 5/8 to arrive in October & November & do not care to give 1/4 for Hemp in all probability to arrive at this [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford July 22/47

A. R. Stickney Esq

Dear Sir — I wrote you on the 20th and write now to say that I wish the Parties to whom you have given prices to decide immediately whether they accept your offer or not as we have other applications for Yarns to be delivered in August & Sept & if we furnish yours cannot accept them. Please ascertain from the Parties and let me know as soon as possible

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

Dayton July 22 1867

[illegible]

Dayton July 22 1867

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford July 23/47

Messrs [illegible]

Gent[illegible] [illegible] yours of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

good. [illegible]

Hoping to hear from you [illegible]

I remain yr Respectfully

[illegible] Treas

P.S. [illegible] immediately

New Bedford July 23/47

Messrs W H Pearson & Co

Gent Yr favor of 22d inst & Bill

[illegible] I have this morning shown them to the Agent of the "Montezuma" and induced him to try your bark though he is in a great hurry to be ready his Ship to go to sea on Thur night. He decides to take the Nos 1 & 3 for his nearest [illegible] of which you say you can deliver immediately. Please send me them free by Exp tomorrow all the Nos 1 & 3 ordered below & as much of the other

New Bedford July 23d/47

Mess. Wm. Weld &c

Gent. I wrote you on 22d of June requesting you to ship the Bale of Hemp by first vessel — since when have not heard from you. I hope the Hemp is now on its way. Since writing you prices have taken advanced here & if you can buy 100 Bales of Hemp of 1st quality like the W.N. Lot & 100 Bales of Unbleached equal to last, at fair rates you may do so for my a/c. On a conversation with yr Mr F.M.W. he thought it would be well to purchase now. I do not want any unless you can get something good. Poor Hemp is dear at any price.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain yr Respectfully

Wm. R. [illegible]

P.S. In case you purchase I want you to ship it immediately

New Bedford July 23. 47

Messrs. J. H. Pearson &c

Gent. Yr favor of 22d with 4 Bills duck &c. I have this morning shown them to the Agent of the "Montezuma" and induced him to try your duck though he is in a great hurry as he wants his ship to go to sea in three weeks. He decides to take the Nos 1 & 3 for his heaviest sails which you say you can deliver immediately. Please send me therefore by cars tomorrow all the Nos 1 & 3 ordered below & as much of the other

New Bedford July 23. 1847

Mr Wm. [illegible] &c

Dear Sir — I wrote you on 23d of June [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

New Bedford July 23. 1847

Messrs H. [illegible] &c

Dear Sirs — [illegible] 22d [illegible]

[illegible]

Dun as you possibly can. I am very anxious 191
that your Duck & you only should go on to
this Ship: It will be the first Whaling Ship
that ever sailed from this Port with an
entire Suit of Cotton Duck, & if it proves good
as no doubt it will, the others will be more likely
to buy yours than any other—

Memorandum of Duck for Ship "Montezuma".

532	yards say	11 Bolts of	No. 1.
779	"	16	3.
266	"	5	4.
220	"	5	5
350	"	7	7

Please forward as much as you possibly can
this order by Clear Conveyance—so that they
may be here at this Wednesday Morning.
They [illegible] you [illegible]
to [illegible] No. 7 [illegible] the most [illegible]
[illegible] No. 2. [illegible]
to [illegible] the Duck [illegible] Wednesday Morning
Remain [illegible] Respectfully yours
W. [illegible]

P.S. When you write please
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

New Bedford July 3d. 1847

Messrs Sturma & Co.

Gent. Your favor of 21 with order for Gang of Rigging is rec'd & will be attended to. I notice that you have also agreed to deliver another Gang in Sept. We have now a large number of Gangs contracted for to be furnished in September & doubt if we can turn out any more at that time. It will be necessary therefore to be cautious about contracting to deliver at that time. I think we have quite as much as we shall be able to do both in Sept & October. We will however endeavor to furnish the Gang already ordered & the one which you say you shall send an order for in a few days. But do not think we can do anymore in these two months. If there is any chance of it will let you know.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. J. Rotch Treas
N.B. Cordage Co.

P.S. By Nov we shall have worked through most of the orders & shall probably be able to do more.

New Bedford July 24/47

Mess. Wooley & Sturtevant

Gent. Yr favor of 23d was recd. I should like to have the Bal of our coal shipped sent forward now as soon as you can get vessels of large size. If it is a possible thing which you think LM thought it would be best the quicker otherwise you can send the Balance in Lehigh the better.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas.
NB Cordage Co.

New Bedford July 26/47

Mess. JH Clason Esq

Gent. Yr of 22 with memo of 27 Bolts Duck recd. The sail maker tells me he wants No 4 for using the sails & can do nothing without it. Will you please send me this and the other numbers as soon as you can. If you have only a few Bolts of No 4 it will do to begin with. They are in a great hurry to get the ship off. We want three or four Bolts more of No 3 as they will use that to line No 1. Also another Bale or two of the twine. The ship will want one to take with her I suppose.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm R

Mr Clayton July 24/67

Messrs Noble & Henderson

Gentlemen — Yours of 23d inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

Mr Bacon July 24/67

Capt J. H. Pearson Esq

Dear Sir — [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford July 26/47 194

L. Van Elmer Esq
Cashier Mechanics Bank

Dear Sir – Above you have check for $2500 Am[t] N B Cordage Co's Ny[c] falling due at yr Bank 27th. Please return same & oblige yours Respectfully

New Bedford July 27th 1847

B B Haskell Esq

Dear Sir – Annexing I send you Invoice of the Gang for W. B. Handy which has gone to Boston today & is subject to W. B. Handy's order at the Depot of the Boston & Providence R. Road – I have notified the Freight Agent there to hold it subject to their order. Referring again to my letter of 22d I would only say that we have stuff so much work engaged in the months of Sept & October that I do not think we can turn out any more in those months – When shall we have the order for the Bay of Mr C. Cummings? Should like to have it as soon as you can send it – If I see any probability of our being able to contract for Sept & Oct will let you know – Yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

Wm Dupont July 28/17

[illegible] Esq
Cashier [illegible]
Dear Sir — Above you have
enclosed $2500 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Wm Dupont July 27. 1817

[illegible] Esq
Dear Sir — [illegible]
[illegible]

Your Obedt Servt — [illegible]

New Bedford July 31 1847

Messrs Rundell & Richardson

Gent = Yr favor of 2d inst at hand. I am confident that Tags No 10 [illegible] & No 6 also will give good satisfaction. There is no difference in them. The ~~[illegible]~~ weather would make all the difference in the appearance of the Tar. If the coil you speak of is badly tarred we can make you another but I think you will find that it is only on the outside and if you examine the Tags see that they are not so much tarred — In laying our Rope we never spare the Press whether the day is hot or cold and of course the tar will come out of the same kind of yarn more at one time than another. I do not think there is any more tar than the Rope requires in any of it. You will not stay in American Rope and [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible] of tar [illegible] in [illegible] than the other — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of a [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] Respectfully

Wm [illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford July 30, 1847

Messrs Pierce & Bullock

Gent— Yr favor of 29 inst. with Sale of 11 coils Cordage & and Nett to credit of $153.69. The Banks charge us for collecting Drafts on Providence and if you can send me a Check on New York or Boston it would be better; If you cant do so write me by return mail & I will draw on you

Respectfully — Wm. J. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford July 30/47

D. B. Harkness Esq

Dear Sir— Yrs of 28 with order for Gang for Topsail Sheets for Steam Pelican & others is recd. We will have the Cordage in Boston before the 7th of August subject to order of Capt Mackintosh. We cannot sell less than 10¢ Such Rope as we make. We sell it here, where it is best known & where we sell about 300 tons annually, at 11¢ readily & of course cannot sell it for more than a cent less delivered in Boston.

Referring you to my letters of 22d & 27 with regard to Contract for delivering in August September & October I remain yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas.

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New Bedford July 31. 1847

Messrs Cushing & Lyman

Agents. Your favor of 29 of Jul 47

We have 2 Rigging Contracts now on hand
for delivery in Septr & Octr that I do not think
it would be possible for us to take up other
we have further [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
circumstances therefore we should not be willing
to enter into any other contract for more [illegible]
at any price [illegible] we can [illegible]. We shall clear the season
[illegible] wished to know about the Gangs you
spoke of in your former letter, [illegible] send them
down at once. We have advanced the
price of our cordage as follows

Tarred 1st Quality 14
Manilla 15

in consequence of the advance of Hemp and great
demand for Rope. If the two Gangs are not
already engaged I wish you to engage for them
[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 2 1847
Messrs Cushing & Lyman
[illegible] [illegible] Bullock [illegible]
on Boston for $182 [illegible]

Respectfully
[illegible] Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford July 31. 1847

H. R. Stephney Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 29 inst rec'd.

I do not believe it will be possible for us to furnish the Gangs wanted within the specified time. We have now a large number of out of town orders besides our home demand which is very large at this time. This was the reason why I wished to know about the Gangs you spoke of in yr former letter. I wish them decided at once. We have decided to advance the price of our Cordage as follows

Tarred 1st Quality 11¼
Manilla do 15¼

in consequence of the advance of Hemp and great demand for Rope. If the two Gangs are not already engaged I wish you to charge for them the advance in price. I do not believe it will be possible for the Ships to get their supplies in less than October. We could not deliver the Gangs accordingly yrs of 29 before the 25th of August.

Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

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Mr. R. [illegible] July 31. 1847

Dear Sir

Your fav. of 29 inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

Manila

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 3^d 1847
Mess Rowell & Richardson
Gent. —
The cost of 6 1/2 – 8 2 falls which [illegible] wished made instead of the other. I [illegible] think you will find any fault with my [illegible]. Our stock of [illegible] is now so small & so little chance of getting any large sum that we cannot now make any contracts. I expect to be in Boston in [illegible] of [illegible] —
Yrs Respectfully
Wm R Rotch Treas

New Bedford Aug 3/47
Mess Grinnell Minturn & Co
Gent^n —
Captn Jno Richardson has presented to me a General Average on Brig Berlin from New York to Sligo with claim on owners of said Brig for £34.6.11.
I notice that the claim as made out in the average by Wm Richards is £24.1.1. & that £10.5.10. is added in pencil without any explanation. Will you be kind enough to inform me what this latter charge is for. I shall be absent for a week or so and on my return will upon receipt of your letter attend to it.
Respectfully Yours
Wm R Rotch

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New York [illegible] 1767

[illegible]

New York Aug 3 1767

Messrs Lawrence Mainwaring & Co

Gent=

[illegible] £ 2. 6. 11.

[illegible] £ 9. 1. 1 [illegible]

£ 10. 5. 10 [illegible]

[illegible]

Newburyport [illegible] 184[illegible]

John Deane Jr Esqr

Dear Sir

We send to the Depot this P. M.

Cordage viz

75 Coils C weighing 10926
53 " K " 7758
128 Coils Cordage wg 18684 lb for East Thomaston

Maine — We have sent to Capt [illegible] an order for the Cordage on its arrival and you will collect your bill of Carting to [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Capt [illegible]

Respectfully
[illegible]

[illegible] you will find at the Depot of [illegible] Cordage [illegible] as follows [illegible]

3¾ [illegible] K [illegible] 7758 [illegible] marked [illegible] C [illegible] 10926

[illegible] 128 [illegible] 18684

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 4. 1847

B B Haskell Esq
Dear Sir—
Yours of 2d inst with order for 2 Gangs for C Cummings & Others rec'd & will have attention. Enclosed I send you the Invoices of Gangs "K" & "G" which go by R Road today & will be in Boston tomorrow Morning. They will give satisfaction. With regard to further Contracts for Aug. Sept & October I refer you to my letters of 27th & 30th. I do not think we can contract for any more Gangs at present to be delivered in three months. We are already full of orders and I am afraid rather more than full. I expect to be in Waldoboro in course of the week.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

P.S.
In Gang G we have not sent you a coil of 3¼ Manilla as ordered. But in Gang sent to Hall & Co marked H there were two coils of this size sent instead of one as ordered. You can therefore take one of them for Gang G & it will be all right.
Are the 70 fath 6in Hawser & the 70 fathm 4½ Towline ordered in Gang for C. Cummings & Others in proof 31 to be of Tarred or Manilla Hemp—

New York Aug 2. 1827

B. B. [illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir [illegible] 31st [illegible] with order [illegible]

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible] Treas

P.S. [illegible] you a Box of

3¼ Manilla as ordered. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford 8 mo 5. 1847

Saml. P. Allen Esqr
Dear Sir

Above please find a chk on Suffolk Bank Boston for Forty Six & 64/100 Dollars amt your bill Iron &c purchased 12 mo 5/1846 — The receipt of which please acknowledge & send us a bill receipted

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk NB. Cordage Co

New Bedford 8 mo 10th 1847

Daniel Spooner Esqr
Plymouth

Dear Sir
We have this day advanced the price of our Cordage as follows
Manila Cordage 15 cts
Manila Towlines 16 cts
the other prices same as before — If this advance meets your views please notify your agents Messrs. C. R. Treadwell & Co and Mr Gannin[illegible]

Yours Respy
New Bedford Cordage Co
L. A. Plummer
Clerk

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New Bedford 8 mo 5. 1847

Saml. P. Allen Esqr

Dear Sir

We have [illegible] a [illegible]

Shipped [illegible] Bark [illegible] [illegible] 1 [illegible]

[illegible] upon [illegible] purchased 12 mo 1846 - The

receipt of which please acknowledge & send us a

[illegible] receipt.

Very Respy

[illegible]

Chas W. Morgan & Co

New Bedford [illegible]

Messrs C. & H. Coffin
Nantucket.

Gentlm

Your favor of 9th Came duly to hand & Contents noted - We Can furnish you the Cordage ordered for the Ship Constitution immediately at the following prices

Manila Cordage 15c } 6 months from sailing
Manila Towlines 18 } or 3½ % off for Cash

del on board the Steamboat in Nantucket allowing you a Commission of 2½ % on the bill - We are selling at the above prices in New Bedford for our Town without a Commission - and at the price of Hemp at this time and the demand we think you can not do better than this in Boston or New York - we having offered 12½ [illegible] for Manila Hemp in Boston within the week which price was refused - We should have forwarded the Cordage ordered by you to-day but as our prices had changed since we last gave you terms thought best to inform you first - If you decide to take it please drop us a line by return mail and we will forward immediately

Yours Respectfully for L. H. P.
Clerk M. B. & Co

New Bedford 8 Mo 11. 1847

Messrs McGregor & Morris

Gentn

Enclosed please find Chk on Phenix Bank New York for Seventy [illegible] Dollars [illegible] [illegible] of which please acknowledge and oblige [illegible]

Yours Respy

L A Plummer Clk

[illegible] Co.

New Bedford 8 Mo 17. 1847

Messrs Weld & Minot

Boston - Gentn

Your favor of 16th came duly to hand - above please find Chk on Suffolk Bank Boston for Seventy two & 10/100 Dollars in pay for F M Weld & Co Dft on us at sight from your favor -

Yours Respy

L A Plummer

Clerk M.B.C.Co

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New Bergen Dec. 11. 1817

Messrs McGregor & Morris
Gentlemen

[illegible]

Yours &c
[illegible]

New Bergen Dec. 12. 1817

Messrs Mundy & Mort
Gentlemen

Your favor of 16th ult. came to hand [illegible]

Yours Respectfully
[illegible]
Clerk [illegible]

Messrs Kinnard & Richardson New Bedford 8 mo 17th 1847
Bath Gents

Above please find a Memo of Cordage Sent to the Depot this p.m. which we think must give perfect Satisfaction - You will please return to us the 6 Coils Cordage taken out of the Gang at your earliest Conveniance - on their arrival in Boston if the Capt. of the vessel will ~~[illegible]~~ inform John Dean jr Esqr Freight Agt of the Bost & Prov R.R he will take Charge of them. I have to say M. Rowe has not returned but expect him this week. Did you conclude to have the small gang made in Bath?

Yours Respfy
S. A. Plummer
Clerk M.B.Co

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New Bedford 8 mo 1st 1847

Messrs Crocker & Co
Boston

Please forward us by the Cars on Monday morning [illegible]

2 Tons 1 Cwt 3 qrs 1 [illegible]
A
B

11 Tons [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford May 28th 47

Saml W Jones.

The [illegible] 3d [illegible] the purchase of [illegible] $450 paid from funds of estate of A D Rotch [illegible] [illegible] would but for that cause have received our earlier attention.

Respectfully
Wm J Rotch —

New Bedford August 23/47

Messrs Randall & Richardson

Gents— Yr favor rec'd in my absence has been answered. I do not see how we can contract now for any thing. We are all behind hand & shall have as much as we can attend to to complete our present orders. I do not wish to make any contract which I cannot fulfil promptly at the time agreed upon. As soon as I can feel warranted in making contracts I will notify you:

Yours Respectfully

[illegible] Treas.

P.S. I meant to have seen you again but the Ankle Dr. [illegible] grew so bad that I could not stand it any longer

Please return the cordage which we condemned & which we have sent you to replace, as soon as you can.

New Bedford Aug 23rd 1847

Mess Grinnell Minturn & Co

Gent. Yr favor of 1st was recd in my absence. I now enclose to you the papers of average on "Osceola" that you may see the charges to which I alluded in my letter of 3 and give some explanation of them. In order that the amt may be recovered from the Insurance Office it is necessary that the charges should be more definitely stated than in the enclosed. If you will return the papers by Express I will attend to it. Absence from town has prevented me from giving earlier attention to this business –

Yrs Respectfully
Wm R Rotch

New Bedford Aug 24/47

Mess Thomas & Cobb

Gent. Since my return I find as I told you when in Thomaston that we have so many orders on hand that we cannot make any new contracts for the month of Sept. But I think we shall be able to furnish what you want in Novr for the Ship – Bark &c &c.

Yours Respectfully
Wm R Rotch Treasr

New Bedford Aug 23 1867

Messrs [illegible] & Co

Gents. [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully yours [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 23/67

Messrs Thomas [illegible] & Co

Gent. [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

Yours [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 23

A. R. [illegible] Esq

My dear Sir, I regretted not seeing you when in Portland. In a conversation with your son I told him I was afraid we could not furnish any cargo of cordage which would be wanted so soon as the last of this or first of next month. Since my return I find we have so many orders on hand that it will be impossible for us to do so. Should you however want a cargo say early of the first of [illegible] we will try to accommodate you.

Mr Evans informs me that you think our price must have been higher than our Balt. agents. In reply to which I would say that to all our agents in Maine we have sent the same price & any change of price has been notified at same time to all. If any have sold lower it has been without our knowledge and at their own loss. At the present time we have no fixed price because I informed them all that we could not contract at present. Our price now is 11 1/2 & 15 [illegible] and we [illegible] as much as we can do.

[illegible] to say that the ship [illegible]

[illegible] forward [illegible]

[illegible]. If so we may be able to furnish [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 24. 1847
Messrs Hang. Gray & Co
Gent.

What will you sell a suit of Copper for say 1000 sheets from 24 to 32 oz? Please write me by return of Mail. If you can sell it low enough for me to make a commission on it I can dispose of it. It is offered here at 23¼. You must go low to sell—
Let me hear from you tomorrow—
Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford Aug 25/47
Geo. F Mann Esq
Dear Sir— Above is check for $56.73/100
amt. of sales of your Bales twine as annexed.
In a very time it was attached and out of my hands or I should have picked it off before.
That English twine of Claude's manufacture which is considered better than any other here sells for 23 c per lb in any quantity. The other by I have not been able to get more than 22 c for yours which is not considered equal to the English. You will find the amount ... correct.
Yours ...

New Bedford Aug 24. 1847
Messrs Hawes Gray & Co
Boston
Gent

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully
Wm. R. Rotch

New Bedford Aug 25 47
Messrs Hawes Gray & Co

[illegible]

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Albert Bedford Aug 23/47

Messrs Benn & Smith

Gent — Your favour of 21

was duly received and has been put in the hands of

all our officers. They are all rather shy of

... ships having been rather ... by

after times. Only two of the officers would

rather than work at any rate —

The Whaling ... offer to take

... $1000 @ 7 per cent for two years ...

The ... offer to take

... $5000 @ 7 per cent for two years ...

This is the best offer can be had

and all of it —

Yours Respectfully

... 3 7

Com. 5 per cent 3 10 ... $6.63

$56.73

... Aug 23 —

Albert Bedford ...

J. Bennett Esq

Dear Sir ...

have ... Bennett

... at ...

Aug 28 ... Bank ... $56

what ... you have and the ...

... Yours ...

... $56

... to

... Rich

New Bedford Aug 25/47

Messrs Barr & Smith

Gent= Your favor of 21 was duly rec'd and has been submitted to all our offices. They are all rather shy of Warren Ships having been rather unlucky with them. Only two of the offices will take the risk at any rate =

The Whaling Ins Co offer to take $8000 @ 7 pct for two years & pro rata

The Pacific Ins Co offer to take $500 @ 7 pct for two years & pro rata

This is the best which can be done and all of it —

Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch —

New Bedford Aug 26. 1847

G. Burnett Esq

Dear Sir — Please inform me if you have any Hackled Hemp similar to that last purchased of you by us and at what price you hold it. If you have none of that Quality please state what kinds you have and the prices —

An Early reply will oblige Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas=
N B Cordage Co.

New Bedford Aug 30th 1847

Messrs Rowe & Smith

Gent—

Your favor of 25th inst was duly received [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

$3800 @ 7 pr cent for two years [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

$500 @ 7 pr cent for two years [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 30. 1847

[illegible] Bennett Esq

Dear Sir—

Please inform me if you

have any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

No 3 [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 26/47

A. G. Rutgers Esq. Presd. Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co.

Dear Sir

My Policy of Insurance for $2500 on Brig Osceola Captn Read now on a voyage from Lisbon to Rio Grande & thence to the United States expires on the 1st of Sept 1847. By letter recd from Captain Read dated Lisbon May 10th/47 he informs me that he expected to sail from there for Rio Grande on the 16th of that month (May) and there take freight for Home. As he has not yet arrived I should like to renew my policy either for a time or until arrival. If you will do it please send me a renewal and oblige yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch.

P.S. I handed to Mr Greene a Statement of General Average on the Brig for her on her Cargo &c from New York to Sligo. Our offices here have settled the same in accordance therewith & I hope to hear from you to the same effect —

New Bedford Aug 5 18[illegible]

Messrs Howland & Hinckley Co

Gent

Yours [illegible] of [illegible] from the Superintendent [illegible] [illegible] Our price for 1st quality [illegible] Cordage is 11¾ Cents or 3 p[er] c[en]t off for cash. We get this when we furnish the Spun yarn & in fact we should not be willing to furnish the Spinning & not the Spun yarn as we consider the durability & appearance of the Rope when in the Ship depends very much upon the quality of the Spun yarn consequently we do not care to have our Rope [illegible] with other than our own. We have as much as we can well do at present, But if your order is small would make it provided [illegible] Spun yarn necessary for laying it for 11¼ cents or 3 p[er] c[en]t off for cash delivered here & no allowance for Commission.

Yours Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas
N. B. Cordage Co.

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New Bedford Aug 2[illegible] 1847

N. G. Ruggles Esq

Dear Sir — Your favor of 27th ult

rec'd. The claim of the [illegible] being for 163.[illegible]

your payment of 81.67/100 [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

$846/100 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

returning the documents [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

have not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bales

in New York they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Bale and I should think the custom a

general one. [illegible] [illegible] 6 1/2 [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 3/14/7

[illegible] 4 c 7 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I send you check

for $82.08/100 and [illegible] [illegible] N. G. Ruggles for

81.67/100 amounting to $163.75 am't your claim

for Gen Average on Brig Osceola. Please

acknowledge the rec't & oblige Respectfully

Wm Rotch

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New Bedford Aug 24 1847

Messrs Ferguson & Thompson

Gent. We wrote you on the 26th to ascertain how much Tare you would allow for Cash & Space which we have rec'd from Rice & Thompson. It appears you have not allowed Tare on the covered Bales. In New York they always allow 6 lbs Tare to each Bale and I should think the custom a general one. You also charge 62 1/2 ¢ per ~~Bale~~ Ton carting: The R. Road team carts all our Hemp for 40 ¢ per ton & we think you too high in this. Please answer the above by return mail that we may settle yr Bill in accordance

Yours Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Jr

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New Bedford Aug 30 /47

Messrs Tobey & Sturtevant

Gent^n I last wrote you on the 2d July since when have not heard from you. We want the 1 Cargo of our Coal now & wish you would have it shipped immediately. The last Cargo was very well & I hope you will give us the Balance as good at any rate, if not better. Please inform me your lowest price for Cargo of 224 lb for best Lehigh Egg coal suitable for Furnaces, Ranges &c &c.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

N B Cordage Co

New Bedford Aug 30 47

Isaac [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir [illegible] Manilla: will you please forward the twenty [illegible] Bags which were [illegible] to [illegible] & [illegible] you [illegible] Manilla? If so how soon [illegible] price? Please write me in answer [illegible] at your earliest Convenience

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 31 1847

A. G. Rutgers Esq

Dear Sir: Your favor of 28th [illegible] duly recd. It seems to me that you ought to continue the Risk on the Brig [illegible] at least till her arrival. She sailed from Lisbon with a Cargo of Salt for Rio Grande on the 16th of May last. From Rio Grande she was to take in part of Hides or she proceed to Rio Janeiro for Cargo of Coffee for the United States: Consequently in all human probability She is [illegible] before this & may be expected to arrive shortly home. The danger resulting from the harbor at Rio Grande is thus at an end being covered by the present policy which expires tomorrow—

Under these circumstances I think you will agree with me that it would be right to continue the policy at same rate viz 8 per cent per annum. I enclose the Policy and if you will not continue it at the same rate, as I do not wish to be without insurance I must give the additional premium in which case I should only wish it until her arrival. If you will continue it as before at 8 per cent you may do so for 6 mos or a year. Please return the Policy as soon as possible to your Respectfully

[illegible]

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Mobile 9 mo 2 1847

Josiah Messer Jr Esqr

Dear Sir, In your one of Aug 25 in an Exchange on 16 Bales [illegible] [illegible] which was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & forward [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Your Check for $2320.88/100 [illegible] [illegible]

American [illegible] as follows.

Bill [illegible] 8 mo 24th - - - 2399.30

Less Tare [illegible] of 16 Bales [illegible] @ 5 per Bale

say 80 lb @ $155 per ton - - - - - 6.60

2,392.66

Less 3 per off for Cash - - - - - 71.78

2320.88

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Respectfully

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Sept 2 1847

A. G. Rudyard Esqr

Dear Sir, [illegible] favor of 1st [illegible] Renewal of Policy for [illegible] [illegible] on Brig [illegible] at 8 per [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for which please [illegible] my thanks. Enclosed I return you the [illegible] I have added [illegible] of Brig [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] on Back of Policy — [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] at same rate —

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford 9 mo 3d 1847

Josiah Newell Jr Esq

Dear Sir, In your bill of Aug 28 we are charged with 6 Bdls $1\frac{3}{4}$ Rd Iron 805 lb which has not been received by us — Will you then look up the same & forward to us that we may settle the bill

Yours Respectfully
T. Plummer
Clerk N.B.C. Co

[illegible] Sept 3d 1847
[illegible] Rod Iron

Dear Sir: I should like to know whether you will probably want any more Rods this season or not [illegible] when I saw you that one of the [illegible] wanted to pay cash — Have they heard anything more about it — Please let me hear from you — Respectfully Wm. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 9 mo 3 1807

[illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir [illegible] of Aug 28

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Steel Rapids Sept 3 '47

A. P. Stickney Esq.

Dear Sir — Since writing you on the 23d I have been expecting to hear from you respecting ye probable [illegible] & [illegible]. I wish you would write me at the earliest convenience what orders you may [illegible] & when they would be wanted. I can then give you an answer [illegible] at the time. I think we could furnish [illegible]. Hoping to hear from you I am yr Obt Servt

M. H. [illegible] Treas

Steel Rapids Sept 3d 1847

Messrs Thomas [illegible]

Gent — Since writing you on the 24th I have been expecting to hear from you respecting the order which you would probably have. I wish you would write me at the earliest convenience how many ship [illegible] you can probably supply them. I could then give you a decided answer. We might engage [illegible] a gang the last of this month. The price here is for [illegible] 11¢, for [illegible] 15¢ — price cannot fall for two months or more — Hoping to hear from you I am Respectfully

M. H. [illegible] Treas

[illegible] in the case of [illegible]
of 2 half and 6 Gangs which are to go to you
this month. [illegible] is due to be [illegible] at time
of delivery. I arrange the [illegible] above [illegible]
[illegible] case [illegible] in Boston, & same
[illegible] —

New Bedford Sept 6. 1867
Messrs Maitland Phelps & Co
Gents — Yr favour of 3rd is recd.
The debt contracted by Capt Read was a private
one for his own a/c of which I know nothing
more than the said statement. I wrote him
there as soon as Capt Read returned I
found by yours [illegible] endeavor to
have it settled. Capt Read is expected soon

Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford Sept 14th 18[illegible]

Wm A. Graham Esq

Dear Sir - I addressed you on the 1st of July last notifying you that unless the Demands for Ground Rent then unpaid were settled within Sixty days the Lease would be at an End - The time having expired without your attending to it I write now to inform you that the Lease is void & [illegible] obtain [illegible] of the articles - I should be pleased to hear from you what you propose to do -

Yrs Respectfully Wm J Rotch

West Brighton Sept 7. 1847

Mess Kendall & Richardson

Gent. since writing you on the 23d we have recd the Rope sent with 4 Easts & credited you with them. I write now to know whether you will probably have any more orders this year that we may make some calculation upon them. I think we should be able to make some contracts by last of this month.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treasr

New Bedford Sept 8. 1847

Mess J. K. Pearson & Co

Gent. I want a Bolt of No 5 & one of No 6. & while you are about it I think it would be well to send the following Nos besides as I have a call now & then for one or two Bolts at a time —

2 Bolts of No 2.
1 do — No 4
2 — — No 5
2 — — No 6.
2 — — No 7
2 — — No 8
2 — — No 9
3 Bales Twine

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch

Mess [illegible]
Worcester Manufacturers
Mutual Insurance Co
Gent —
My object in writing at
this time is to ascertain (if possible) whether you will
insure our Cordage Factory. We consider
the risk (notwithstanding the prejudice which
has always existed against such Risks) a good one.
Our Tar, from which the principal danger has
in times past arisen, is heated entirely by Steam
which entirely removes that danger in our
Factory. In fact the only danger to be appre-
hended arises from our Boilers. What that
is you could best estimate by personal
inspection of their location &c. We think
them very safe in every respect. We should [?]
if the premium would be as much as you
would take. Please let me hear from you
on the subject.

Yours Respectfully
Jno [illegible] Treas
[illegible] Bedford Cordage [?]

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New Bedford 9 mo 11th 1847

Messrs C. G. & H. Coffin

Gentm } Will you please forward Sales to Bark Peru and Ship Constitution Oil at your earliest Convenience. We should like to draw on you for the supply please inform us what time we can make an Effi[illegible]

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk M.B.C.Co

When these ships [illegible] in want of more Cash [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 14 1847

Messrs Plummer & Co

Gent Yours of 11th [illegible]

[illegible] If you cannot find a better [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 25 Bbls [illegible]

[illegible]

What will probably be the price [illegible] per [illegible] this Fall?

Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible] & Co

New Bedford Sept [illegible]

S. M. Stillman Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 13th [illegible]

Of the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Quality [illegible] 15

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] 10½ for American 1st Quality [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Manilla — [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Good American 1st Quality 10c
Bolt Rope 14
Manilla 15c

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Treas=

New Bedford Sept 16. 1847

Messrs Newbold & Cuff

Gent= Your Mr C— left word at our Counting Room that you would allow of the Lot of 12 [illegible] Hemp [illegible] off of you Twenty five Dollars on them & one third then, viz $8.33/100 — If so please remit the same by check —

We donot care to take the Extra Hemp at present.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas=
N.B. Cordage Co.

[illegible]

Mount Savage Sept 10. 1847

B B Hartshorne Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of the 6 inst.
I think we can deliver you in Boston in
about a week the [illegible] of which you speak
for Bark of about 300 tons but we should
charge for the [illegible] 10 $ & for the [illegible] 15 $.
[illegible] is now selling for 16 $ in Boston.
We have [illegible] forward the [illegible] for
[illegible] Co. [illegible] hold on till
further advice. If you [illegible] the [illegible]
I should like to know as soon as possible.
I think we could [illegible] it [illegible] in about a
week from receipt of the order

Yrs Respectfully
[illegible] Treas.

Mount Savage Sept 10. 1847

Messrs [illegible]

Gentlemen — Your favor of
[illegible] with Bill 30 Bales [illegible] is rec'd. Enclosed
I send you check for $1000. [illegible]
Please send me receipt [illegible].

Yrs Respectfully
Wm Robb Treas.
Mt Savage Iron Co.

New Bedford Sept 16. 1847

[illegible] Burnett Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible] 30 Bales Hemp [illegible] Cordage [illegible] 1847
[illegible] on consignment [illegible]
on the arrival of the latter I will do what can be
done with it though I [illegible] to do [illegible]
this year — Our ships are nearly all furnished with [illegible]
as they are about ready to sail and consequently
the demand is now very small. Please inform
me whether in case of my being able to make a
sale of it you can furnish it through at same price
for which sort of sails? they would be [illegible] &
[illegible]. This kind of duck has been for some time in
our market — somewhat used though not very generally.
Enclosed I send you check for bal[illegible] of Bill of
Bales Hemp [illegible] for cash of $632.82 the receipt
of which please acknowledge — When I receive your
Bill of the other lot I will [illegible] cash or [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Respectfully

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Of Manilla Cordage both [illegible] [illegible]
is full [illegible]. Consequently I have [illegible]
means of to advance the price [illegible]
[illegible] for Commn [illegible]
If this meets your views please notify [illegible]
our purchases —

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 16. 1867

Messrs E. & M. Blackwell & Co

Gents — Yr favor of 13th inst with Bill of [illegible] amounting to $166.— to day & enclosed I send you check for the amount. Please acknowledge receipt of check [illegible] —

Yours Respectfully
Wm. J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Sept 17. 1867

[illegible] Dowsett Esq

Dear Sir — [illegible] yours of 16 inst [illegible] Bill Sundries & 1 Bu 55 Bales Hemp [illegible] I enclose you check for the [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 17. 1867

Bourne Spooner Esq

Dear Sir — I learn that the price of Manilla Cordage both in Boston & New York is full 16¢. Consequently I have thought it necessary to advance our price here to that point viz 16¢ for Common M. Cordage & 19¢ for [illegible]. If these meet your views please notify yr Agents here & in Fairhaven —

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

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Mr [illegible] Sepr 16. 1767

Messrs C. [illegible] & Co

Gentn Your favr of 13th Inst
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Your Respectfully [illegible]

Mr [illegible] Sepr 17. 1767

Dear Sir Your favr of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Sepr 17. 1767

[illegible] Esq

Sir Your favr [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Your Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 17. 1847

Miss Kendall & Richardson

Gent— Your favor of 15th is this morning rec'd. You do not say what price you can get for the Gang No. 4. Manilla you have advanced and our ability to deliver must depend upon — If you can get 15¢ for the Manilla (which is a cent less than Boston price & the lowest at which we will now sell) and 10¢ for the same, we will make it & have it ready in time. The small Gang is ready all but the Manilla & we will forward it tomorrow. I am glad the Rigging Sent— What do you get for the small Gang which we have now in Sailing—

Your Respectfully

[illegible] Rotch [illegible]

P.S. If I want to draw on you in course of the month at 4 or 5 mos can you manage the bills & for what am't? You thought when I saw you that some of the Parties would want to pay cash.

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Messrs Daniels & Richardson

Dear Sirs Yours of 15th is this morning rec'd. [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

P.S. [illegible]

New Bedford 9 mo 17 1847

John Deane Jr. Esqr

Dear Sir

We send to the Depot this day in the following lots of Cordage, on its arrival notify Messrs White Stedman & Co. Central St Boston who will give it the right direction to Messrs Thomas Cobb. East Thomaston Maine.

40	Coils marked	P	wgt	7070
44	"	T	"	6560
48	"	C	"	6656
1	pckg marked Thomas Cobb			
133	Coils			20287 lb

Resply

G. A. Plummer

Clerk N. B. C. Co.

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[illegible] Depot Sept 17. 1847

Messrs White Stedman & Co

Gent. In accordance with the request of Messrs Thomas Cobb I have this day sent over R. Road the following of Cordage viz

40	coils marked	P	weigh	7070 lb
44	" "	T	"	6560 "
48	" "	C	"	6656 "
1	Package " Thomas Cobb			
133	coils			20.287 lb

They will probably be in Boston tomorrow morning & I have directed the Depot Master to notify you when please direct what shall be done with them & forward to [illegible] [illegible]

Respects [illegible]

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[illegible] Ap 17 1847

John Barnes 2. Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Thomas Cobb East Thomaston Maine

16	Casks [illegible]	P	7070
24	[illegible]	T	[illegible]
48	[illegible]	E	[illegible]
1	[illegible]		
89	Casks		20287

[illegible]

40	[illegible]	[illegible]	7070
44	[illegible]		[illegible]
48	[illegible]		[illegible]
1	[illegible]		
131	[illegible]		[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 18th 1847.

Mess: Thomas & Co

Gent: I now send you three Gangs of Cordage viz one for Capt. Griffin marked T: one for Capt. Place marked P: one for Barnard Ulmers marked C - making three in all which I sent yesterday to Boston & I wrote to White Sherman & Co to forward them immediately to you. Enclosed I send the Invoices with their distinctive marks. Each coil is [illegible] and so that you can make no mistake, upon the letter of the Gang to which it belongs, on the outside. I don't think you will have any difficulty with them. You will see that I have not sent the Manilla. I thought you would want the Tarred first & as we have a good deal [illegible] to send along this [illegible] Please write me how [illegible] the Manilla will be wanted. I think [illegible] much better if possible to have a part not to be sent now.

[illegible] Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 18th 1847

Messrs. Howland & Craft

Gent: Your favor of 17th with Draft on Mr. Smith [illegible] for $83.37 in full for settlement of a Hogshead of R Hemp. I am sorry to hear that the "R" Brand has fallen so much from its once favorable Rank.

Respectfully Yrs Wm [illegible] Treas.

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Messrs [illegible] Belfast

Your favor of 11th to L A Phinney [illegible] & contents noted. I have drawn on you at sight in accordance therewith for the amt of the Constitution's Bill by Cordage of $1528.36

Amt of Bill due March 8th $1566.16
Less 5 mos & 14 days int [illegible] 1528.36

And for the Vine's Bill I shall draw at 6 mos from Aug 30/47 for 1743.31 in favor of [illegible]. Both which please accept. If you should want any cordage more than you can make at your walk [illegible] we shall be glad to supply you. I presume the freight by Steamboat is charged to us as we have an [illegible] them. If they present it to you however please send them to us & we will settle it.

Yours Respectfully Wm Robb Treas.

New Bedford Sept 18th 1847.

Wm Earle Esq

Dear Sir. Your favor of 17th is this morning recd. It is impossible for me to give you at price unless I know what sizes you want & how soon you want them. Our Stock is now very much reduced, but we are daily expecting a large supply of both Hemp & Cordage. If you will let me know about this I could give you an answer. We are now selling at 16¢ 6 mos less 3 1/2 pct for Cash.

Yours Respectfully Wm Robb Treas.

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1523.36

1523.36

New Bedford Sept 25th 1847

Messrs Mann Gregor & Morris [illegible]

Gent — [illegible] favor of 18th with Bill Lading of 30 Bales Hemp [illegible] [illegible] Above same per Check for $523 on a/c the receipt of which please acknowledge. Should be glad to get Rid of the whole as soon as convenient.

Yrs Respy Wm R Rotch Treasr

New Bedford Sept 30th 1847

Wm Thomas Esq

Dear Sir — I forwarded you yesterday on the 17th & shipped [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 30th 1847

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] at 19 4 cash. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] days —

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 20 May

Messrs Kendall & [illegible]

[illegible] 17th [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] prove satisfactory [illegible]

[illegible] 17th [illegible]

Wm. [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 3d 18[illegible]

R. M. Blackburn Esq

[illegible] have 100 Bbls [illegible] of [illegible] for the same [illegible] will deliver at the [illegible] vessel [illegible] Capt Shepherd [illegible] the New Bedford [illegible] at the [illegible] State [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 3d 18[illegible]

Capt [illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible] the Providence [illegible] B.B. [illegible] of that place [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

36 Corks [illegible] C.C.

1813 [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 3d 1847

B. B. Hussey Esq

Dear Sir — The Accounts of Mr [illegible] for Shipping for Edward & Charles is not [illegible] will be attended to [illegible]

[illegible] I send [illegible] [illegible] Commencing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] R. Read. [illegible] that I have not sent much of the Manilla. We are [illegible] the [illegible] about [illegible] I think you would [illegible] the [illegible] some time [illegible] the Manilla I sent [illegible] [illegible] the Letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] you know whether was the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Please write me [illegible] they are actually [illegible] the Manilla & [illegible] [illegible] as much time as [illegible]

Very [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 3d 1847

J. Clark Esq

Dear Sir — I am very much in want of those 25 Bales Manilla Hemp [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] actually [illegible]. Will you please forward them [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] the understanding [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Manilla [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Sept 25 [illegible]

Mess [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Drawn [illegible] at 104.

104 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Resp[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Amt [illegible] Sept 20th 1847

W. T. King Esq

Dear Sir - I have been expecting to hear from you relative to a Bale of Hemp [illegible] by our Superintendent Mr H. Evans - I shall be glad to receive Bill Lading & your [illegible] Bill of same at your earliest convenience -

Respectfully

Yr obt Servt

[illegible]

New Orleans Sept 23rd 1847

John Dean Jr Esq
Dear Sir —

I send today the following Nos of Cordage viz

26 coils marked P
25 " " [illegible]
30 " " C.

81 " Weighing 7657 lb

They are for Thomas & Cobb of East Thomaston Maine — Please notify White steamer & [illegible] Central Wharf of their arrival & they will tell you where to cart them —

Yours Respectfully
Wm R [illegible] Treas
N.O. Cordage Co

Newport [illegible] Sept 23 1847

Mess Whitney [illegible] &c

Gent —

[illegible] Read this morning [illegible] Cordage — they [illegible] be in [illegible] (today) [illegible] on [illegible] as they are on hand for them —

[illegible]

30 coils Manilla [illegible] marked C P T
26 " " " "
25 " " " "

81 coils [illegible]

Yours Respectfully
[illegible] Treas
[illegible] Cordage Co.

[illegible] Please send me as follows
[illegible] Bolts No 1
[illegible] " 3
[illegible] " 4

Amt of [illegible] Yours Respectfully [illegible]

P.S. I shall want Sails in a few days —

New Bedford Sept 23 1847

Messrs. [illegible]

[illegible]

Bel of the [illegible] [illegible] T. L. [illegible]

Which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The price of these [illegible] was as you know to be

the [illegible] price at the time [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 23d 1847

Messrs. [illegible]

Gent. I am out of No. 2. 3. & 4

[illegible]. Please send me as follows

5 Bolts No 2

5 — 3.

4 — 4

14 —

And oblige Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

P.S. I shall send Sales in a few days.

[illegible] Sept. 23 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept. 23 [illegible]

[illegible]

Please send [illegible]

[illegible]

We are [illegible] Respectfully [illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 24 1847

Mess Thomas Wales & Co

Gent= Yr favor [illegible] [illegible] yesterday
I wrote you [illegible] Cargo of the Manilla
for the Ship [illegible] by T. C. & L. [illegible] I hope
will reach you safely. Below I give you a
copy of a Certificate we last night from Messrs
Sewall & Day of Boston stating the Boston price
to have been upon the 10th of Sept & during

10 4/8 c Tarred Cordage
16 4 " Manilla "

Our price here at same date by [illegible] 15 was
Tarred Cordage 11 4
Manilla " 15 4

The agreement was that the Cordage should be at the
Boston price & I shall accordingly charge the
Cargo at that by Tarred 10 4 & Manilla 16 4
Bolt Rope — 14 4
Spunyarn [illegible] $100 per [illegible]
Yours [illegible]
[illegible]

Copy -

Over Boston Sept 23. 1847
This may certify that we sold on the 10th Sept
Manilla Cordage at 16 4 & American Tarred Cordage
at 10 4 & these have been the lowest prices from
that date to this time

Sewall Day & Co

[illegible] are the largest Manufacturers [illegible]
their price is the same with the [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 12th 1847

[illegible] Stuyvesant [illegible] I have sent [illegible] 28 [illegible]

Bill Lading [illegible]

above I send you check for the [illegible] $238.87.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Respectfully

Wm [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 24. 1847

Dr Wm A. [illegible]

Friend —

The Week during which you promised to settle the unsettled Amount has passed — The Money which you promised to deliver to the payment has [illegible] applied — Under these circumstances therefore I wish to inform you that unless the demand is settled before the 1st of Octr. next I shall [illegible] place the case in the hands of a Lawyer to be settled and cancelled —

Respectfully yours [illegible]

Wm [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 25th 1847.

John Bearns Esq.

Dear Sir I send by R. Read today the annexed Lot of Cordage which is to go to B B Haskell of Waldoboro Maine. I have sent an order to Capt. Lewis Winchenbauch at Lem. C. Capen's Wharf who will tell you when & to cart it. He will pay the carting in & please notify him of the arrival of the cordage & take care of it until he is ready to receive it

79 Coils marked BB weighing 11954 lb
30 " CC " 2700
109 Coils in all 14659

New Bedford Sept 25. 1847

Messrs Burr & Smith

Gent. Yr favor of 23 & rec.

We are hard up on Tubers. Have no more than enough to supply our own engagements & no means of making more at present. We are looking daily for some at Boston & when that arrives shall be able to engage some but not till then. We are selling now @ 18c

Yrs Respect.

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 25. 1847

B B Harkell Esq

Dear Sir — Enclosed I send you Invoice of the Gang for the Bark of Mr [illegible] and also the Bal of Manilla for Commercy Gang — The former for the Bark is marked B and the latter for Commercy is marked C C. There will I presume be no mistake [illegible] them. I had not quite so much Hearsleine for the Bark as you ordered made up & I therefore put in a few more Skeins of Marline to make up the deficiency. It has gone to the R Road & will be in Boston On Monday morning the 27th subject to the order of Louis Winckelbanck — I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The Bark [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 25. 1847

Capt Louis Winckelbanck —

Dear Sir — You will find in Boston on Monday morning Sept 27th [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] B. B. Harkell [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] marked B

[illegible] C C.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Sept 25th 1847

Aug. Whittier Esq

Dear Sir [illegible]

[illegible] with [illegible] & I shall send them [illegible]

by the Road or [illegible] will be [illegible]

It is too late for the Road to take

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 27th 47

Aug. Whittier

Dear Sir — I send you

Bill of Thirty-[illegible] Manilla [illegible] sent

you this day in accordance with your directions by

R Road to Fall River & thence by Steamer Bay State,

under charge of Mr Munroe to New York City which

I hope they will arrive in safety.

I cannot put them at less than the price

[illegible] at which price I can

sell a ~~[illegible]~~ hundred [illegible]. The [illegible] we consider equal

to any that can be made —

Please send me check for the amt

of \$562.70/100 and oblige,

Yours Respectfully

Yours [illegible] Treas.

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 27th 1847.

Mr [illegible]

Dear Sir I have this day drawn on you

for Bal [illegible] at three

months [illegible] which please accept

Respectfully

[illegible]

New Orleans Sept 27th 1847

Messrs Edwards Richardson

Gent — Yrs favor of 24th inst
will have attention — I have drawn on you at
4 days sight Sept 27th /47 favor of Richardson for
$1500 payable in Baltimore — The Banks will do
the paper much more readily if the make [illegible]
there if agreeable to you I would like to make
the same [illegible] as I [illegible] you know — manage
them so well in that way write me on the
subject I am yrs Respectfully

Wm Polk trustee

New Orleans Sept 27/47

Mr [illegible] Richardson [illegible]

Dear Sir — Yrs favor of 25th
inst — I shall be glad to receive the [illegible]
as soon as possible. If you can buy some
good [illegible] at 20 [illegible] Bbl you may buy
for me 150 Bbls and ship by first opportunity

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Polk trustee

[illegible] 33 [illegible] captain [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

However he might as well try the [illegible] before
in complaining of them, if we may judge [illegible]
that after he has struck them, he will [illegible]
complain of them. We have [illegible] been
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the Richmond [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] the [illegible] goods which I find Deficient in quantity [illegible] the Invoice [illegible] are as follows

In 1 Bale marked [B] 30, there should be 11 pieces of No. 3 according to [illegible] there are but 8.

In Bale [B] 30 there should [illegible] 16 pieces of No 5 [illegible] there are [illegible]

In 1 Bale B N. 8 there should be 7 pieces of No 2 there are but 6.

On the whole I find the following [illegible]

3 pieces of No 3. less than Invoice
3 do do No. 5 more do
1 do No 2. less do

As there is [illegible] the American [illegible] I see there is some [illegible] the appearance. I have not yet opened the Flag bundle. I am afraid I can't do much [illegible] that as there is [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Oct 1. 1847

Messrs. Miller & [illegible]

Gent. — Yr favor of 27th Ult. [illegible] remittance [illegible] Above you have Check for the am.t $ 529.37 the receipt of which please acknowledge. — The [illegible] & is discharging — the coal does not [illegible] 20 tons [illegible] Please [illegible] Lehigh [illegible]

Yrs [illegible] Wm. Rob[illegible]

[illegible] Oct 1. 1847

Messrs. [illegible]

Gent. — Yr favor 29th ult. — We are [illegible] for [illegible] at present — we are expecting [illegible] [illegible] When [illegible] at Market price [illegible] Butter [illegible] furnish you [illegible]

Yr Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Oct 4th 1847

Messrs Shepherd Perry & Co

Gent — Mr Gibbs informs me that you have been offered 87 100 Bales of R Hemp at 190 until tomorrow forenoon — I wish now to say that we will take the Hemp and you may send it by Capt Shepherd at your convenience. If we pay cash please inform me what discount you will make and if we give a note should like it agreeable to you to make it payable in Boston —

Yrs Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford Oct 4th 1847

Messrs Bang & Smith

Gent — Yours of 1st inst.
You may go from say half of a cent under 10 1/2 say as low as 10 1/4 for the tarred cordage for the Chase ship through you ought to get 10 1/2 for 1st Quality Tarred which costs now in New York market $18 to $20 —. For Manilla we should charge if we contracted now 16 c per lb — But we will agree to furnish it at the market price at the time when wanted which would be the better way for the Purchaser, as it is probably higher now than it will be then or at least quite as high —

Yours Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas

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New Orleans Oct 17th

[illegible]

New Orleans Oct 17th

[illegible]

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New Bedford Oct 4th 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent = Your favor of 1st is in. — We will make the Gang for 11¢ including the Running Rigging if they wish of Manilla at the Boston Market price at time when ordered. We ought to have more than 11¢ for this and you must get it if it is a possible thing. We of course expect you to get as much for our rope as you can the more the better and therefore shall depend upon your using every opportunity to obtain more say 11½ or ¾ at least = We shall have the small Gang ready by the 10th What shall we do with it? ... Respectfully

New Bedford Oct 5th 1847

Messrs Mc Leod & Morris

Gent = Your favor of 4th with Bill Lading of 50 Bales Hemp per Schr Vesta. Bill of the 50 Bales bot of you on the 30th is recd. Enclosed I send you Check on Boston (I could not get one on your city) for $1966.75/100 in Bal. due you as per ... enclosed. The weight of which please acknowledge.

Yrs Respectfully

New Bedford Oct 7. 1847 255

J. A. Sigourney Esq

Dear Sir — Above you have Check for $1957 Am^t. N.B. Cordage Co's note due at your Bank tomorrow. Please return the note to

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas^r

New Bedford Oct 7. 1847

D. Clapp Esq

Dear Sir — Yr of 5th rec^d. When in Boston I told you we must have some Manilla this week. You thought we could — I see there are occasionally sales through of small lots at high prices — I think Mess S. Tappan ought to return the 35 Bales to us if they can be had at any price. — We lent them for their accommodation and are now subjected to great loss & inconvenience on that acc^t. — Will you please inform them of this, and forward the 35 Bales immediately. — I presume they can be obtained from the "Ryan's" Cargo at some price or other. — If the "Hamilton" does not arrive this week we must purchase fifty Bales for our immediate wants. Let me hear from you by return mail & I hope Mess S & T. will see the propriety of returning the Hemp if they can possibly get it —

Yr Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas^r

New Orleans Oct 7 /47

[illegible] Esq
[illegible]

[illegible]

New Orleans Oct 7 1847

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Oct 8th [illegible]

Mess Merbold & Graff

Gent: Yr favor of 5th inst.

I will take the three tons Clean Russia Hemp & fifteen tons of the Outshot at the price you name viz 3 tons of Clean at $330 — [illegible]

15 tons Outshot @ $309 [illegible] to [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

M. B. [illegible]

New Bedford Oct 8. 1847.

D. Clapp Esq

Dear Sir — Yr of 7th inst. I wrote you yesterday respecting the 25 Bales of Hemp [illegible] L. & Tappan — I presume they will purchase or [illegible] them [illegible] from the [illegible] Parkins and I will take 25 Bales in addition at 12½ [illegible] as you name — making 50 Bales in all which I hope will be [illegible] the [illegible] above —

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford Oct 6. 1847

Messrs Burr & Mitchell

Gent. Yrs of 7th is recd. We will leave the order for Chase Harris's Ship fitted in such a way as to leave them nothing to ask for. As for the "Ashlands" Mizzen Rigging I dont understand that as it was made at same time and of the same yarn as the rest of the Cargo There must be some mistake about it I think

Yours Respectfully Wm. Rotch Jr

New Bedford Oct 7. 1847

Winthrop S. Gilman Esq

Dear Sir Yr favour of 6th with Bill Lading of 44 Bales Hemp per Sappho & 1 Bale do per Cornelia with your Bill 45 Bales Hemp bought for Cash amounting to $1118.61/100 is recd. and above you have check on Boston for the amt which please acknowledge. Have you any more of this kind of Hemp on Hand and at What Price?

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Jr

New Bedford Oct 11th 1847

Messrs Thomas & Co

Gent — When in Boston last week I found that the small [illegible] of Drawing marked T & C. had been overlooked & was at the Depot — I gave orders to have it sent down immediately — [illegible] will you please inform me if you have the [illegible] of it — What are your prospects now for further orders?

Respectfully Wm Rotch Jr.

New Bedford Oct 10. 1847

J. Clapp Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 8th is recd — I am much disappointed at the result — We must have 50 Bales at any rate if you have to pay 14¾ in Boston — Please say to Messrs [illegible] that we cannot wait the uncertainty of the Afternoons coming, but must have and consider them bound to return the 25 Bales loaned to them — I wish you to send the 50 Bales even if you have to give 14¾ in the country —

Respectfully

Wm Rotch Jr.

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New Bedford Oct 11. 1847

Messrs Thomas [illegible] & Co

Gent — When in Boston last week I found that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] had been [illegible] at the [illegible]. I hope [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] please inform me if you have [illegible] — What the [illegible] prospects [illegible] [illegible] further [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Oct 11. 1847

D. Cleft Esq

Dr Sir — [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Octr 12th 1847

Messrs Thomas & Colt

Gentlm

We wrote you on the 10th inst & to day we are in receipt of your favor of 9th with order for Gang Cordage which will have immediate attention. We think we can get the gang for the Bark out by the 5th Novr if you send us the order immediately. We have written to Boston again with regard to the Bundle & you will undoubtedly receive it soon —

Yours Respfy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B.C. Co

New Bedford Novr 9th 1847

Messrs R. G. W. Blackmer & Co

Gentlm

Above please find Check on Suffolk Bank Boston for two hundred & twenty five Dollars amt your bill due 12th inst — the receipt of which please acknowledge & send us your bill receipted

Yours Respfy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co.

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Philadelphia 11mo 12 1817

Messrs Thomas & Cope
Boston

We wrote you on the 10th inst & to day we are in receipt of your favor of the [illegible] notes for Henry Craig which have our immediate attention - We think we can get the money for the Bank out by the 5th Nov if you send us the Notes immediately - We have written to Boston again with regard to the Bonds & you will undoubtedly receive in time -

Yours Respy
L & Thomas
[illegible]

Philadelphia 11mo 19th 1817

Samuel [illegible] Blackmore
Boston

Your Letter [illegible] the Bank Notes for [illegible] & having [illegible] from you on the 12th inst - the receipt of which please acknowledge & send [illegible] by [illegible]

Yours Respy
L & Thomas
[illegible]

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New Bedford 10 mo 20/41

Uriah Ritchie Esq
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find
Chk on Fulton Bank N York for four
thousand and fifty three 18/100 Dollars amt your
bill 17 Bales Hemp 16th inst the rect
of which please acknowledge -

Our Mr Rotch is
in Philadelphia will probably call and
see you on his return -

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk W.R. & Co

New Bedford 10 mo 20/41

Messrs Newbold & Cruft
Gentlemen

Enclosed please find
Chk on Fulton Bank N York for Seventeen
Hundred Dollars Cash 22 inst the rect
of which please acknowledge

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N. B. Cordage

New Bedford Nov 20/41

Messrs [illegible] & Co
Gentlemen

Enclosed please find
Check on [illegible] Bank N. York for [illegible]
[illegible] fifty [illegible] Dollars [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
of which please acknowledge [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Clerk [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

Messrs [illegible]
Gentlemen

Enclosed please find
Check on [illegible] Bank N. York for Seventeen
Hundred Dollars [illegible] the amount
of which please acknowledge

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Clerk N. B. [illegible]

New Bedford 10mo 22d /47

O. A. Sigourney Esqr
Cashr. Washington Bank
Boston

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Chk. on Atlas Bank Boston for Nineteen Hundred & fifty Eight Dollars to meet the N. B. Cordage Coy. Note due at your Bank 23d inst.— Please pay and enclose the note to

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 10mo 22d 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gentm

We annex Invoice of Cordage sent to Boston this day with orders to a Carter to Sam Senator. Your favor of 19th came to hand too late to make the alterations in the Bargeing Gang as part of it at the time was in the Depot ready to be shipped. We trust the size will make no material difference to the Owners. We should have forwarded it by the have ~~yesterday~~ to day had they not have been crowded for room & hope to get it along tomorrow. Your favors 13th & 14th the inst came to hand & will be attended to. We can furnish Manila for the Bargeing Gang wanted the 17 Nov. if you so direct— should like to know as soon as possible— Please send us the Ships memor. for Russia —

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk

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New Bedford Nov 22/41

J. S. Kingsbury Esq
Cash: Washington Bank
Boston

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find check on Mass Bank Boston for fourteen thousand & fifty eight dollars to meet the M. Kingsbury Esq note due at your Bank 23 inst - Please pay and return the note to

Yours Respy
J. A. Simmons
Clerk M. B. [illegible]

New Bedford Nov 22 1841

Messrs Howland & Richardson
Boston

We annex Invoice of [illegible] sent to Boston this day with orders to a Carter to [illegible] - [illegible] came to [illegible] to make the [illegible] on the [illegible] by part of it at the time [illegible] the Depot ready to be shipped [illegible] the [illegible] will make no material difference to [illegible] - [illegible] to [illegible] they not have the [illegible] to [illegible] to get it along [illegible]. [illegible] 13th & 14th the [illegible] came to hand & [illegible] we can furnish [illegible] for the [illegible] the 17 inst [illegible] to [illegible] - [illegible] possible - Please [illegible] the [illegible]

Yours Respy
J. A. Simmons

New Bedford 10mo 25th 1847

John Deane Jr. Esqr

Dear Sir

We send to Boston this p.m. 845 Coils 15905 lbs Cordage marked C to go to John Hefing 37 T Whf Boston for Messrs Kendall & Richardson Maine — if the Hefing has left please call on Messrs Dennis & Sampson 37 Long Whf Boston who will give it the right direction

Yours Respy
D. Plummer
Clerk W. & Co

New Bedford 10mo 25th 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gentm

We annex Invoice of 845 Coils Cordage this day sent to Boston with orders to be forwarded per John Hefing T Whf as directed by your Mr Richardson —

Shall we forward the Brigs Rigging wanted Nov 1st to Boston care of Dennis & Sampson or will you have some vessel in Boston to take it?

Yours Respy
D. Plummer
Clerk Wm Rodman

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New Bedford [illegible]

[illegible]
Dear Sir
[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

Messrs [illegible] & Richardson
Boston

We received [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 11mo 25 1847

Messrs Thomas & [illegible]

Gentn We [illegible] [illegible] of 35 Coils Cordage marked R this day sent to Boston with orders to be forwarded in the Care of [illegible] Steamer &c to Each Thomaston which Completes your order of 9th Your favors of 18th & 19th Came to hand & will receive due attention —

Yours Respy
G. A. Plummer
Clerk W.B. Cordage

Have you rec^d the Bundle of Lombard Cables yet?

New Bedford 11mo 26th 1847

B. B. Haskell Esqr

Dear Sir Your favor 23 enclosing Chk on Suffolk Bank Boston for Two Hundred Dollars Came to hand this morning — The same [illegible] to your Credit on acct Cordage sold to the [illegible] Hall

Yours Respy
G. A. Plummer
Clerk W.B. Cordage

New Bedford [illegible] 1819

Messrs Thomas [illegible]

Gentlemen We [illegible] 3d [illegible]

[illegible] this day [illegible] Boston [illegible]

to be forwarded [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 18th [illegible]

attention —

Yours Respy

J. T. [illegible]

Clerk N.B. Bank

New Bedford June 26th 1819

B. B. [illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir Your favor 23d instant

[illegible] Bark Boston for the Havana

[illegible] came to hand this morning — The [illegible]

[illegible] to the

[illegible]

Yours Respy

J. T. [illegible]

Clerk N.B. Bank

New Bedford 10mo 27 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gentm -

Your favor 23 th came to hand - We annex our Bill Manila Cordage of 22d inst recorded - We wrote you on the 25 th with Invoice of 84 Coils Cordage - The Brig Gang wanted Nov 1st. is ready - Shall we ship it to Boston in the care of Dunn & Sampson -

Yours Respfly

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 10mo 27th 1847

Messrs Burr & Smith

Warren - Gentm

We have completed the Gang for Messrs Chase & Davis Ship and are now waiting the arrival of Capt Winslow to ship the same by him - he is expected here in all this week - If you are in want of this Cordage & cannot wait his arrival we can send some of it along by the Rail Road - Write us on receipt of this and if Winslow's vessel will be in time for you should prefer to ship by him -

Yours Respfly

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co.

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New Bedford June 27 1817

Messrs Richards & [illegible]

Boston -

Your favor 23 the [illegible] to hand - We [illegible] [illegible] Manna Entary of 22 inst [illegible] - We were up on the 23 the [illegible] of the [illegible] - the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible] & [illegible] -

Very Respy

[illegible]

Cash [illegible]

New Bedford June 27th 1817

Messrs Burr & Smith

Warren - Boston

We have completed the Survey for Messrs Chase & Barry Ship and are now waiting the arrival of Capt [illegible] to ship the same by him - he is expected here in all this week - If you are in want of the Cordage & cannot wait his arrival we can send them by it along by the Mail Road - Write us in [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] for your [illegible] [illegible] & ship by him -

Very Respy

[illegible]

Cash [illegible]

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New Bedford 10mo 28. 1847

Phineas C. Gay Esqr
Boston Dear Sir

Above please find Chk. on Suffolk Bank Boston for Sixty Eight 1 40/100 Dollars amt. your bill thears 23d inst the receipt of which please acknowledge & send us your bill receipted

L. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage

New Bedford 10mo 30th 1847

Messrs Burr & Smith
Warren & Bristol

Annexed please find Invoice of Cordage sent onboard the Ship Passport yesterday afternoon. She sailed this morning and we enclose you Bill Lading of the Cordage by Capt Simmons.
We think you will find this Gang A1 in every respect, as we have taken every pains that it should be so, and that it will come fully up to Capt Abbot's idea of Schermerhorn & Banks Cordage or any other we have no doubt.

Yours Respfly
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage

New Bedford June 28. 1847

Thomas B. Hay Esq
Boston

Dear Sir

Here please find Check on the Suffolk Bank Boston for Sixty Eight & 33/100 Dollars amt. of your bill dated 23d inst the receipt of which please acknowledge & oblige [illegible] yours Respectfully

J. H. Howland
Clerk M.B.Co.

New Bedford June 30th 1847

Messrs Bush & Smith
Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Insurance of Cargo [illegible] the Policy [illegible] the [illegible] as per [illegible] of the [illegible] Capt. Freeman. We think you will find this policy A1 in every respect as you have taken every precaution that it should be [illegible] that it [illegible] up to Cape Horn [illegible] no doubt.

Yours Respy

J. H. Howland
Clerk M.B.Co.

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New Bedford June 29th 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson
Boston }

Your favor 27th
Came to hand - Enclosed please find invoice
of Cordage this day sent to Boston with orders
to be forwarded to Bath. In your last you say
the Barque Gang was to have been shipped to the
Newport hive instead of the place you have directed
it & that the expense on the gang will be some $10 - or
in consequence - In answer would say that your
Mr Richardson directed our Supt Mr Keany when in
Boston to have this gang shipped precisely as we
have ordered it & we suppose he had made all the
arrangements with the Capt of the vessel as to
its destination -

We note your remarks with
regard to the running Rigging for the Barque
Gang and remain

Yours Respy
S. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

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New Bedford [illegible] 1807

Messrs Brown & Richardson

Gentn

Your favor 27th

Came to hand — Enclosed please find a [illegible]

[illegible] this day [illegible] to Doctor [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

Mr Richardson [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]

We [illegible]

respect to the [illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 3^d 1847

David L. Starnes Jr

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you check for $47.49/100 amt. of Bill against the N.B. Cordage Co. the receipt of which please acknowledge —

Respectfully Wm. Rotch Treas^r

New Bedford Nov 5. 1847

Messrs Bean & Smith

Gent^n Upon receipt of yours of 3^d Nov. inst. Annexed I send you Invoice of Cordage ordered Sixty-five coils which have gone to the Rail Road today. Below I annex the prices which we are now selling Cordage at and which I charge you by

Tarred American 11¢
Manilla Cordage 16¢
Manilla Tarred 19¢

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Rotch Treas^r

P.S. We should charge Chace & Davis for Russia Cordage 11½¢ and we would not now contract for a Gang of American Cordage short of 11¢ per lb.

Philad[a] Nov 3d 1817

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

Philad[a] Nov 5th 1817

[illegible]

Dear Sir Your favor of 3 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Havanna [illegible] 11

[illegible] 16

[illegible] 19

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

[illegible] 11 1/2 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

11 [illegible]

New Bedford Nov 8. 1847

Messrs Mackenzie [?] & Co [?]

Gent= The Jason[?]'s [illegible] is in-

[illegible] Shipments & Some Bills in [illegible]

of [illegible] the 1/ [illegible] them in to come

per a [illegible] one quarter payable in

February one March one in May &

one in June - this will balance the [illegible]

and [illegible] payments much better

I should [illegible] make them payable

in Boston [illegible] this arrangement

meets [illegible] please inform me

by [illegible] & I will send you

the notes -

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch [?] [illegible]

P.S. I was detained so much

longer than I expected in Phila. -

that I had no time to call on you as

I promised - WJR -

New Bedford Nov 9 1867

Messrs Berry & Smith

Gent - Your favor of 4th inst. came as you may suppose I was very much surprised at the statement with regard to weight of Cordage - I am glad to be able to furnish you a satisfactory explanation of so remarkable a variation - We always have our Scales tested once a year & sometimes twice by the Inspector appointed by the town - We did not omit this this year as you will perceive by the enclosed Certificate of Benj. Swift under date of June 13th. After this I of course supposed them to be correct - until the receipt of your letter of the 4th. When I immediately sent for Mr Baker our new Inspector and requested him to go and examine the scales - His report I now enclose from which you will see that the scales were wrong the weights having been altered by the last Inspector - Of course we could know nothing of this until advised of some error in weight - I am glad that it has been thus early discovered - With regard to the deficiency however I think you have over-stated it, as from Mr Baker's test the Scale

[illegible]

[illegible]

are not more than 4 pounds a [illegible]
in a hundred [illegible] The last 3 [illegible] for
for 5 [illegible] weighed on different scales. With the
[illegible] 4 bales Sargeda, the
[illegible] correct —
[illegible] been used [illegible]
[illegible] would [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] when put on the [illegible]
the trouble of putting them on & consequent
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

3146 [illegible] 231.1
Cartage [illegible]
$231.89

New Bedford Nov 10th 1847

Winthrop G. Ray Esq.

Dear Sir — Yours of 30th Oct received
with Bill Lading 5 Bales Hemp per Sarah & 4 per Sargeda
the latter not weighed — The [illegible] discharged
her Hemp yesterday — Above [illegible] weight of
& Enclosed Check for Bal. in [illegible] 231.89/100 Am[illegible] of
Bill of 5 Bales per Sarah & 4 by [illegible] the receipt of
which please acknowledge —
What price will you agree to sell the Hemp spoken
of in yours of 18th Oct to be delivered during the
Spring & Summer? We should like to hear from
you before you contract

Yours Respectfully Wm [illegible] Treas.

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[illegible]

Nov 18th 1747

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 11. 1847

Messrs Crocker & Co

Gent= Please send me as soon as possible, by cars to-morrow if you can, the annexed Quantity of Hoop Iron

2 Tons of	H	5	
2 do	"	L	5
2 "	"	H	4
2 "	"	L	4
2 "	"	H	3

I shall render Later as soon as I close one or two ships now talking – Meanwhile I am waiting for some of the above –

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. Rotch

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[illegible] Nov. 1. 1847

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford Nov 11. 1847

John L. Bates Agent
of Brig Quito—

Dear Sir— I annex copy
of N. B. Cordage Co's Bill against the Brig
Quito due when she arrived from sea
with interest after six months from date
of the ~~sailing~~ of said Brig—
Please enclose me check for the same
and oblige yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treasurer
N. B. Cordage Co

New Bedford Nov 11, 1847

John A. Parker Agent

[illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 3. 1847

Messrs Newbold & Craft

Gent — Enclosed I send you a/c Current & three Notes for balance which I presume you will find correct — It would have suited me better to have made the Notes as I stated in my letter of 7th if you had seen fit to accommodate me — If I should have occasion to use these notes I think it likely I may wish to take them up in course of a month — At present it is very difficult to negotiate even the best paper —

I am sorry to have to inform you that the Russia Hemp Bot of you is much of it very tender & almost rotten — We have just begun to work it & find it the poorest Russia Hemp which we ever had — If the Importations from Russia this year are not (as you say) better than this they must be poor indeed — It looks like old Hemp and if not old has been damaged in some way

Yours Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas

New York Nov 11. 1817

[illegible]

We are Dear Sir

Your Respectfully Most Obedt Servts.

New Bedford Octo 30 1847

Messrs Rendall & Richardson

Gentn

I have drawn on you as authorized by you in your letter of Sept 30th two drafts as follows viz

One at five months from Sept 30th favor of Jos Ricketson for $1500 payable at Globe Bank Boston

& One at six months from Sept 30th favor of Jos Ricketson for $1500 payable at Globe Bank Boston

Which please accept and charge to a/c of N.B. Cordage Co — Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasr

New Bedford Nov 17. 1847

Messrs Rendall & Richardson

Gentn — Your favor of 12 inst. received. You have Invoice of the Gang which was to be done on the 17th not 15th. It has been sent to Boston as directed by you and will then be shipped by the Boat of which you speak —

Can you dispose of any Manilla Cordage in your neighborhood before the close of the season? If so please advise me and I should like to make a shipment when we get through with our other orders —

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasr

Boston Nov. 10 1767

Messrs Randall & Richardson

Gent

I have received yours of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Your Respectfull Hum. Servt

Boston Nov 17 1767

Messrs Randall & Richardson

Gent

Your favor of 13 Inst [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Your Respectfull Hum. Servt

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New Bedford Nov 17. 1847

Messrs Thomas & Cobb

Gent - We have some Manila Hawsers from 5½ in down to 3½ on hand which we shall not probably find a sale for here this fall - I write to you now to ascertain whether you could work them off in your neighbourhood some of what size - please answer by return mail & if any [illegible] ready & notify [illegible] tomorrow -

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasr

like to know how much the Rigger allowed for Stretching when he gave the order & particularly whether the Rope was measured before or after it was on the stretch. It is impossible to calculate so nicely on American Rope as to have nothing left after the Gang is fitted - Some American Hemp stretches more than other kinds & we find our cordage to vary in this respect without being able to assign a cause -

You do not acknowledge the receipt of mine of 9th. Did you receive it?

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasr

New Orleans Nov 17. 1827

Messrs Thomas & Co

Gents

We have been

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 17. 1847

Mess Burr & Smith

Gent. Enclosed is Invoice of Dry fun [?] Gin Manila Pennant. We had no 8½ on hand and could not make it under a week or more. This is the size we always sell, or rather we never sell less, sometimes 10 in. As you were in a hurry I sent it & you will not find it any too large as it stretched more than tared you know.

I notice your remarks respecting Mess Chase & Davis Gang. Did they measure the surplus before or after the Gang was stretched. We cannot always provide for the stretch. I should like to receive from you the length they ordered of the sizes which overrun and also the length they found in the coil. Sometimes there are mistakes made in giving the orders. When there is any considerable excess we of course should be willing to credit them with it but should not be willing to do so unless it exceeded an average. I should

New Bedford Nov 18. 1847

H. R. Stickney Esq

Dear Sir — Please inform me if you can sell for us some Manila Cordage of assorted sizes say 1 3/4 up to 4 1/2 with some Hawsers say 3 1/2 to 8 1/2 and at what price — An early reply will much oblige Yrs Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford 11 mo. 18 th 1847

John Deane Jr Esqr

Dear Sir

We send to Boston this p.m. 95 Coils 12.956 lbs Cordage marked T on its arrival please notify Whit Stevenant & Central Wf. Boston who will give it the requisite direction for Messrs Thomas & Cobb East Thomaston Maine

Yours resp. for

E. A. Plummer

Clerk M. B. Co

New Bedford Nov 22 1867

R. Stockman

Dear Sir —

I am sorry to say that it will be utterly impossible for us to get the cordage you [illegible] ordered ready by the 8th of next month — we have spoken for [illegible] & [illegible] engaged [illegible] until the middle of Dec — I think we could make it for you by the last of this month (Dec) and I should be very glad to if the Purchaser can wait — The [illegible] matter will make no difference to our Rope manufacture as we make it — our tubs being all heated — We would sell you Manila at 14¢ or Russia Rope made here at 17¾

We have no Russia manufactured & if they want that they can buy it in [illegible] themselves — We have no Russia here at present & so cannot furnish that Rope — I hope by [illegible] Purchaser will be able to wait as we should like to furnish the Rope & think we could give them good [illegible]

Yours respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch

New Bedford Nov 23 [illegible]

Messrs Thomas Gould [illegible]

Gent — Annexed I send you Invoice of Gurry for H.H. [illegible] & others which completes your orders with us for this year — The Gurry has all been forwarded to Boston & will I hope reach there in time to go in the same vessel with the other one — Your Mr [illegible] with here last week and urged its immediate Shipment —

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Nov 24 / 47

H.R. Stocking [illegible]

I wrote you on the 22d since which having induced one of our Customers to postpone his order we can furnish you with the Gurry you wrote about by the time specified viz Dec 10th. Please write me by return mail if you have not made any other arrangement and wish us to furnish it —

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

Belfast Nov 23 /47

Messrs Thomas Bell

Dear Sirs [illegible]

your Order [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

Belfast Nov 24 /47

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford Nov Dec 1847

Mess. Crocker & Co

Gents — Your favor of 23 inst. rec^d — I am only waiting for the Ship Good Return which is now taking her oil to Fairhaven, and then shall render you a/c Sales for the year — You may however if you like draw on me for Seven hundred Dollars (700 dolls) at [illegible] this month Nov 23

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov Dec 1847

Messrs Russell & Richardson

Gents — Yours rec^d for price of the Manila Cordage ordered in yours of 19th. We are now selling Manila Cordage freely at 16¢. The demand continues good and as the Manila to arrive is mostly sold at high rates I doubt if it will fall much — However I should be willing to contract to deliver it by the 1st of January for 14¢ for the two ships of which you speak — Please let me know as soon as you can if they will contract at this price

Yours respectfully

[illegible]

P.S. I have charged the lot of Manila at 15¢ the same as you[r] last. I will enquire about the [illegible] of which you speak

Phila Dec 11 1847

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Phila Dec 11 1847

[illegible]

Sirs

[illegible] of the Manila Cordage [illegible]

[illegible] We are now selling Manila Cordage [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. Please charge the [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 25. 1847

Chas W. Morgan

Dear Sir — Enclosed is Bill lading of 40 coils Cordage shipped from Boston per Brig Michigan on Board of which Dunning — They are mostly large sizes being some which we had in Boston. I shall send you some smaller sizes from here as soon as possible. But I wish you would sell this lot if you can without waiting for a shipment from here. You may sell the Lot as low as 13¾ if you can sell it at once to arrive. We are very much hurried with our orders and may not be able to send you any more immediately. If you find the sizes to be an insuperable objection to Buyers let me know immediately but sell the lot if you can even as low as 3¾ and get as much more as you can —

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Rotch

for N. B. Cordage Co.

Of the Whale Cordage was manufactured [illegible] to pass [illegible] the market and is first rate [illegible]

[illegible] New Bedford [illegible] 30th 1847

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible] 25. 1847

Bill Lading [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] (3.50) [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

than the present [illegible]

good deal humbug with [illegible]

however [illegible] to wait for [illegible]

to be completed. But if you can sell this

at once for annual & some after [illegible]

in 184[illegible] should prefer your doing it — I want

it sold & if you cannot get 34 [illegible] the want

small sized parcels [illegible] selling it at a [illegible]

[illegible] at once — The market is falling

& therefore you know the sooner it is sold

the better — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Randall [illegible]

[illegible] above is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

On the whole I will leave the matter to your better [illegible]

to price — Sell it for the most you can get [illegible]

which the price to blow [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 25: 1847

R. M. Blackwell &c

Gent^n. Your favor of 16th inst duly rec^d. I will give you (^cts 2.50) Two dollars & 54 per Bbl for 75 or 100 Bbls of your tar as per your offer of the above date. If you accept please advise me by return mail & ship the tar by first vessel.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. J. Rotch Treas
pr A. B. [illegible]

payable here or in Boston

I wish you would ship [illegible] of the Tar immediately to New York to care of Capt. Shepherd for [illegible]

What is now the price of tar in your market and what will it probably be this winter

Yours Respectfully
Wm. J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Nov 27. 1847

Messrs Rendall & Richardson

Gent^n. Above is Invoice of the Hawsers ordered by you in yours of 24th. They have gone to the Depot today & will be in Boston tomorrow morning. As directed by you the first two marked R & R to go forward immediately. The last two marked S. & C. to remain there subject to your order. What is the prospect of your Ships taking Manila instead of tarred Running Rope. Yrs Wm. J. Rotch Treas

[illegible] Nov 28: 1767

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Nov 29, 1767

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 3d. 1847

Messrs Plume & Co

Gent= Your favor of 30th with Bill Lading of 50 Bbls Tar per Sch J W Kempton to NYork & Ac Current to date showing a Bal due you of $437.83/100 four hundred thirty seven & 83/100 Dolls is recd As we have a large amount to pay within a few days I should prefer to have you draw on me at thirty days which I presume will make no difference to you - Please make it payable here or in Boston -

I wish you would ship the Balance of the Tar immediately to New York to care of Captn Shepherd for reshipment to us here What is now the price of tar in yr market and what will it probably be this winter?

Yrs respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas=

New York Nov. 26. 1787

[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 1. 1847

Messrs Haskell & Campbell -

Gent -

Mr Evans informs me that you have sent to him to know whether the Castings for the Lathe now making for the N. B. Cordage Co by Mr Bird should be charged to the Co. & that he told you you might - I informed you Mr Randall that the Cordage Co would not be responsible for the charge & write now to repeat it - We shall not allow it. Not that we do not consider Mr Bird perfectly good, for we have no reason to doubt it & have no doubt that the Bill would be paid by him, but because we do not like this way of doing business -

Yours Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Oct 1. 1817

Messrs [illegible] & Tucker

Gentn

We have [illegible] informed our
the Agent has sent [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible] for the Ship B. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] information by the [illegible]
that the [illegible] would not be [illegible]
in [illegible] Charge & [illegible] [illegible] to refund it
We shall not allow [illegible] [illegible] that we do
not consider the [illegible] perfectly good, for
we have no reason to doubt it & have no
doubt that the [illegible] would be fine in time
but because we do not like this way of
doing business —

Yours Respectfully Wm Rotch Junr

Alton & Bloomfield Dec 1. 1847

John W. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir — [illegible] of yours of 29th [illegible]. Am sorry to find you have any trouble in [illegible] any of the Cordage. I intended to fill up the assortment after you have it I wrote you but wished you to sell off the lot sent from Boston immediately if possible. I shall send you some more by 10 [illegible] of [illegible] and you may sell it to arrive at 12½ if you can't get more — There must be some mistaken apprehension about this Cordage made in Manila if they consider it [illegible] to [illegible] per lb — I consider it quite equal to any made in this Country [illegible] as the Stock is better than that which we commonly get — You may sell as [illegible] as you can at 12½ & I will [illegible] you the [illegible] as soon as possible by either [illegible] — If you can sell to arrive at 12½ do so [illegible] the Assortment is complete I [illegible] think you could get more — I sent exactly the same Invoice at the same time as to you to [illegible] of Baltimore — This morning I have a letter from them saying they have sold to arrive at 12¼ — I wish you could do the same — However do the best you can & sell as soon as possible. Prices are [illegible]

P.S. [illegible] of Father I shall send him the money [illegible] — though it is still awfully tight here.

New Bedford 1st mo 4th 1847

John Deane Jr Esqr
Dear Sir

We send to Boston this day 52 Coils 12663 lb Cordage marked K which we wish forwarded immediately to Henry R. Stickney Portland Maine. If there is no vessel that will take it right away in Boston send it along by the Professors

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N B Cordage Co

New Bedford Dec 6. 1847
H R Stickney Esq
Dear Sir, I am afraid you have informed of the being Cordage ordered by us to be delivered by the 10th inst. It went to Boston on Saturday — was to arrive there this morning & we gave orders to have it forwarded immediately. It may should not reach you in season. We have heard nothing about the Running Rigging as yet. Will you want Manila? What could you tell the Parkman the Manila for? We have not had time as yet to do any thing about Manila for ye market — [illegible] know that it would pay to send it — [illegible] is now rather fluctuating [illegible]
think it [illegible]

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New Orleans 12 March 1817

John Deane Jr Esqr
Dear Sir

We have this day shipped on board the [illegible] 52 Bales 13243 lbs Cotton [illegible] which we [illegible] immediately to [illegible] Portland Maine. [illegible] in case that [illegible] it [illegible] away in Boston [illegible] the proceeds

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 6 1847

Chas W. Morgan Esq

Dear Sir —

[illegible]

[illegible] 53 [illegible] Manila Cordage [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] 16 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] very [illegible] I hope for this Service you

will obtain at least 12½ – 4 mos [illegible] I have

just obtained [illegible]. But I wish the Cordage sold

at the highest price you can obtain [illegible]

[illegible]

Enclosed I send Bill of Lading of One hundred seven

coils of Cordage shipped per Bark [illegible]

[illegible] 4th [illegible].

[illegible] the next page.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch

[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 7. 1847

Chas W. Morgan Esq

Dear Sir -

Annexed you have an Invoice of 52 coils Manila Cordage - being 36 coils of a size from 9¾ to 1½ as advised by you by [illegible] of 3rd and also 16 coils of Hawsers from 5½ down to 3½ which are very handsome & for which I hope you will be able to obtain the same price & a ready sale. I shall send you in a few days another shipment containing a better assortment of sizes which I also hope to hear a quick account of.

If you have the notes for the lot sold I should like you to send them on for use.

You may sell another lot assorted say from 4½ or 5in down to 1¾ to a [illegible] -

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasr

P.S. yrs of 4 inst recd since writing the above.

I would not let the Purchaser off as we are satisfied with the sale & willing to sell some more at same price. Besides the Cordage is now on board the vessel ready to go - If you can obtain 12½ for another lot as above stated, otherwise you may sell at [illegible]. It ought to bring that much but you may sell at 12 rather than [illegible]. We are getting 9¼ here in Boston & I have no doubt you can readily obtain it. When [illegible] let me know how much you think [illegible] can sell them?

New Orleans Dec 7, 1847

Chas W. Bingham Esq

Dear Sir:

Annexed you have an Invoice of 50 cases Havanna Cigars - being [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] 3 [illegible] 16 cases of Havanna [illegible] 23, which are very handsome [illegible] [illegible]

I shall send you in a few days a further [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which I [illegible] a quick [illegible].

If you can [illegible] them for the cost I should like you to sell them on your acc.

You may [illegible] another lot [illegible] [illegible] 13th [illegible] —

Yrs truly

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

C. M. Blackwell Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 26th Inst.
Bill of [illegible] [illegible]. Above you have
Check for $288. on Fulton Bank for the amt.
the receipt of which please acknowledge —

49.80 — Yr Respectfully, 1833

Wm R. Rotch Treas

Wm. J. Rotch, Treas.

Four hundred ninety [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 9. 1847

Wm Dana Jr Esq

Dear Sir —

Your favor of 7th inst.

Above you have Check on Fulton Bank of New York for $492.80 amt. of Bill viz $491. —
32 days int. to date — — 1.80
$492.80.

We owe you an apology for not attending to it earlier —
Please acknowledge the receipt of the above —
Yr Respectfully — Wm R. Rotch Treas.

Phila. Sept [illegible] 1827

Wm. B. [illegible] Esq

Sir =

Your favor of 26th Inst. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] $257.[illegible] on Fulton Bank for the sum

of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

Wm. D. Lewis Cash.

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Phila. Sept 19 1827

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst.

Above you have check on Fulton Bank of New

York for $492.80 amt. of [illegible] $491.

22 days int. to date — 1.50

$492.80

We owe you an apology for not attending to it sooner.

Please acknowledge the receipt of the above —

Yours Respectfully

Wm. D. Lewis Cash.

New Bedford 7th Inst.

Mathew[?] ... Ring Esq.

Dear Sir — Yr favors of 24th & 30th ... Bill Lading of Ammunition ... are received & we have check for $610.02 being the amount of the said Bills. The receipt of which please to acknowledge — Very Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas.

P.S. When you are ready to price a ... for ye next years ... shall be glad to hear from you —

New Bedford ...

Chas W. Morgan Esq.

Dear Sir ...

New Bedford Dec 7. 1847

Messrs Rendall & Richardson

Gent — Yrs of 6th inst rec'd. You say that Manilla has ... at 32 to be delivered to Jan 1st. We thought best to ... the Manilla for the other ... & ... if ... any body you may sell for 34 & if you cant get that let me know the highest price you can get (though I have no doubt you can obtain 33 —

Yrs Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treasr

New Bedford Dec 9. 1847

Mess Newberry & Richardson

Gent — [illegible]

[illegible] sales of Hemp to date [illegible] net proceeds 3/26/48 — $1256 — and enclosed I send [illegible] note for the amount — I also annex acct of Receipts & Sales showing Bal on hand of 304 Bundles — 5. 2. 0. All which will I trust be found correct & satisfactory —

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford Dec 10. 1847

Chas W. Morgan Esq

Dear Sir — I last wrote you on the 7th — today I annex Invoice of 66 Coils of Manila Cordage assorted from 4 1/2 to 1 1/4 which is first rate and ought to command the top of the market — Sell the invoice if you can & also the Hawser sent you last — Get as much as you can but sell at any rate unless it is outrageously low say under 14 — Between us the market is falling & quick sales are the most expedient & profitable —

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Dec 9. 1767

Mess. [illegible] & Co

Gent.

[illegible] $1236 [illegible]

[illegible] 5.2.0 [illegible]

[illegible] satisfactory –

Yr Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford Dec 10. 1767

Chas. W. Morgan Esq

Dear Sir –

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Rotch Junr

New Bedford Dec 10. 1847
Mess Kendall & Richardson
Gent = The Russia Gang has been ready several days. I omitted telling you in my last. What shall be done with it? Is it to go to Bath? Let me hear from you by return of mail. I hope you can sell the Running Rigging for Bath Ship.
Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford Dec 11. 1847
Mess Corthing [illegible] &c.
Gent = Yr favor of yesterday. I am entirely out of the following sizes & would advise an Invoice as follows &c.

20	Bundles of	L. 3
80	"	L. 3
80	"	H. 3
80	"	L. 4
80	"	H. 4
80	"	L. 5
80	"	H. 5
500	Bundles	

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch

New Bedford Jan 10, 1787

Mr Richard Mitchell [illegible]

Dear Sir — The [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford Jan 11, 1787

Mr [illegible]

Dear Sir — The favor of yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

500

[illegible]

New Bedford, Dec [illegible]

Messrs Thos [illegible] & Co

Gent. I have [illegible]

with Canvas & Cordage sent [illegible] Boston.

I now [illegible] an Order [illegible]

of smaller [illegible] to make [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

of cordage [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]. I hope [illegible]

[illegible] possible as the market [illegible] rather

unsettled & [illegible] business [illegible]

the last shipment I shall make [illegible]

[illegible] unless advised [illegible]

[illegible] to hear from you [illegible]

[illegible] I remain Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

A. B. [illegible] & Co.

[illegible]

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New Bedford Dec 14th

Messrs Kimball & Richardson

Gentn Yours of 11 inst this morning

recd. I wrote you on the 1st respecting the

Rigging going in Prince [illegible] There is arranged.

It has gone to Boston & will be forwarded

to Bath unless I hear from you tonight. The

Rig has been ready for a long time and I

only waited to hear from you respecting it.

I think it will give entire satisfaction. The

size of some of the Ropes is a little full owing

to the natural enlargement of the strands on

acc of the cold - they having been formed in cold

weather. However it will come down under the

Rigger's hands and unless they notice it you

will say nothing about it.

Please render us sales to the 1st of Jan

as we close our acct at that time - I hope you

will be able to sell some Manila but should

not be willing to sell for less than 13 1/2 & 6 mos.

I think prices will advance again in the

Spring or as soon as money gets easier.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. Rotch Treas.

Winthrop G. Ray Esqr — New Bedford 12 mo 9th 1847

Dear Sir }

Your favor of 24 ... Encd Bill Lading of American Hemp ... you have Check for £640.12 being the ... the receipt of which please acknowledge

(Signed) Yours resp &c

Wm R. Rotch Agent

P.S. When you are ready to fix a price for your next years Hemp shall be glad to hear from you.

New Bedford 12 mo 17th 1847

Winthrop G. Ray Esqr

Dear Sir } We wrote you on the 9th inst since which we are without any of your favors Please send Receipt by return mail and oblige

Yours respy

J. A. Plummer

Clerk N. B. Cordage Co

New Bedford [illegible]

Capt. Ewer of Ship Emily Morgan—

Dear Sir—

I have just heard of you at Tombez with 1800 whale & 150 Sperm and am glad to hear you have done so well— But you will bear in mind that we dont want to see you home here with a cargo of whale oil— That wont pay— We must have at least 800 Bbls of Sperm— I see the ships are generally doing very well Sperm whaling and we therefore wish you to cruise for Sperm oil rather than take another season on the North West Coast— You had better go on Japan or some where else to get Sperm oil— You have done well so far and can afford now to cruise for Sperm oil— If you are as much

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New Bedford Oct 17. 1857

Capt. [illegible] Clark Ship Mary Ann—

Dear Sir: I have your recent [illegible] of you
[illegible] with 1300 Whale & 150 Sperm and
am glad to learn you have done so well.
But you will find in the end that we don't
want to see you come home with a cargo
of Whale oil — that won't pay — we want
[illegible] at least 800 Bbls of Sperm — I see
the ships are generally doing very well [illegible] Sperm
Whaling and we therefore think you had better
go for Sperm oil rather than take another
season on the North West Coast — you
had better go to Japan or some where
that we get Sperm oil — you have done
well so far and can afford now to
cruise for Sperm oil — you are so much

interested as any of us in the success of the voyage and after giving you our ideas respecting the voyage, we must of course rely upon your judgement as being sound then you will have better opportunities of judging what will be best than we have. Our opinion is that it will be best to cruise for Sperm oil. But you must govern yourself by circumstances and facts which may come to your knowledge and will be unknown to us. I shall hope to hear of your continued success. All is well here. Wishing you a prosperous and speedy voyage, by which I mean a full ship and at least 800 Bbls of sperm oil and

as [illegible]

interested as any of us in the success
of the voyage and after giving you
our ideas respecting the voyage, the
point of [illegible] upon your judgement
as being nearer than you have had
better opportunities of judging that
[illegible] than [illegible]. The
opinion is that it must be best to
cause you to go on. But you
must govern yourself by circumstances
which may come to your
knowledge and will be unknown to
us. I leave the rest of your
Instructions [illegible]. [illegible]
Wishing you a prosperous and happy
voyage, [illegible] a speedy [illegible]
and [illegible]

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New Bedford [illegible] 20th 1857

Messrs Hussey & Munroy [illegible] 12 [illegible]

[illegible] Gentlemen

[illegible] Dear Sir Your favor of 15 the inst came duly to hand & contents [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] obtain 12½ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] like to send you any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] much [illegible] as we are not willing to [illegible] [illegible] 12½ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] willing to take back the Balance as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but we will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if they will and they can dispose of the [illegible] they [illegible] [illegible] We [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Clerk [illegible]

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]
New York

[illegible]

We [illegible] [illegible] able to [illegible] the [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible]
Clerk [illegible]

New Bedford 12 mo 30/47

Henry K. Stickney Esqr

Dear Sir

Your fav. of 17th inst came duly to hand and contents noted. We have this day written Messrs Dunham & Dimond N. York that we cannot furnish the manila cordage to Mr Kelley as we are not willing to sell under 12½ ct. We should not be willing to take back the Backstays as it was an error on their part but we will make them another coil if they wish and they can dispose of the coil they now have. We shall forward the cable soon -

Yours Respfy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage

New Bedford 12 mo 3rd /41

[illegible] R. Hathaway Esq

Dear Sir

Your favor of 17th inst came duly to hand with enclosed notes. We have this day written Messrs [illegible] the date that we cannot procure the marks changed to the Perry - as we are not willing to sell them 12 1/2 + the Marks not be willing to take back the Backwrap as it was our order in their part but we will make them another cask at their price and they can dispose of the bids they have had. We have forward the cask from -

Your Respy

[illegible] Hammond

Clark M.B. Crary

New Bedford

Chas W. Morgan Esq

Dear Sir

If you have a good [illegible] of Whaling Cordage I should [illegible] for [illegible] or in them $10\frac{1}{2}$ [illegible] Manila Hemp is advancing and the [illegible] 4/4 [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] should [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Money Market [illegible] Hemp [illegible] the [illegible] to supply the demand of [illegible] the [illegible] these circumstances I think [illegible] had better [illegible] [illegible] place of Campbell [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of 10½ —

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rotch Jr

New Bedford Dec 27, 18[illegible]

Messrs Brown & Smith

Gentlemen We forward to-day by [illegible] America the [illegible] [illegible] of 20th inst. The weather has been so cold we have been unable to make the [illegible] before Saturday last. Please send [illegible] to the [illegible] and oblige

Yours Resp

L. A. Plummer

[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 22 1847

Messrs Thos Whitridge & Co

Gentlemen Yr favor of 18 inst. [illegible] Sales of 40 coils [illegible] Cordage is recd & is correct [illegible] sales [illegible]

With [illegible] to the [illegible] per Laurena and EH Adams — I would say that Manila Hemp is [illegible] and is held firmly at 9 1/4 — under these circumstances & in view of the [illegible] the Money Market I would not wish you to force sales — At the same time you may conform to the market price provided it is not less than 11 1/4 — I have no doubt but that it will command that price soon and should prefer holding for the present at least to selling for less.

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible] Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford 12mo 27. 1847

Messrs Burr & Smith

Gentlemen We forward to-day as per Invoice annexed the Cordage ordered in your favor of 20th inst — the weather has been so cold we have been unable to make the same Cordage before Saturday last. Please render acct to the 1st Jany and oblige

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk [illegible]

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[illegible]

New Bedford 12mo 27, 18[illegible]

Messrs [illegible]

Esteemed [illegible] We forward to-day [illegible]

[illegible]

Alton Ills Jan 27 1847

Messrs Renaud & Richardson—

Gent— Yours of 21 With account Sales amounting to $841.44 & $364.18 with Check for 345.44 & yr Note due 4/47 Amounting to $856.32 is duly found correct— I hope to receive from you soon a full acc Sales for the whole year—

By advices received from last steamer from Manila Hemp is very scarce & prices advancing abroad— We would not be willing to sell Manila Cordage in Bales 1.2/27 & do not care about selling at that = 13¢ is low enough And on the Whole Rather not wish you to make any sales at less than 13¢. That being the lowest price which I expect to + [illegible] in the Spring—

Yours Respectfully Wm. [illegible]

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New Bedford Dec 27 1847
Chas W. Morgan Esq
Dear Sir — By last advices from Manila Hemp was advancing in price — the holders are asking 10 $ per lb. Consequently I wish you to hold our Cordage [illegible] at 13 1/2 c [illegible] [illegible]
Yrs Respectfully
[illegible]

New Bedford 12 mo 26th 1847
A. B. B. Haskell Esq
Dear Sir
Please [illegible] [illegible] of Cordage [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford Dec 27th 1847
Jiren Brittridge [illegible]
Dear Sir — By last advices from Manila the appearance of things are changed. Hemp was very scarce and prices advancing there. Holders there are asking 10 $ per lb. Consequently I wish you would hold our Cordage at 12 1/2 c till further advised —
Yrs Respectfully
[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 21 1847

[illegible]

New Bedford 12 mo 28th 1847

A. B. H. Haskell Esqr

Dear Sir

Please Render acct Sales of Cordage by the 1st Jany as we make up our Accts for the year at that time and oblige

Yours Respy

L. Plummer

Clerk W.B. Cordage

New Bedford Dec 30 1847

Messrs Rundall Richardson

Gent =

I have received a/c of Sales for the year — upon examination find them correct & satisfactory. I notice that you have still on hand 5 Manila Cables weighing 2030 lb & that there is a Balance due the N.B. Cordage Co Net 28/45 of $8277.36 —. We should like to draw on this amount for as short time as you can accommodate as our Banks will not take long paper now — Please write and inform me if you would like to arrange the draft as to time & amount —

The L's from Manila state that Hemp is not to be had for love or money — So that the Cordage will certainly be high again next year — We are selling now at 13¼ —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

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New Bedford Dec 30 – 46

Mess J. A. P[illegible] & Co

Gent = I enclose I [illegible] you a Letter to date showing Bal due you $1076.11/100 which I trust you will find correct. You will observe that the "No 2" fell short 3 yds & the Twine 9 lb. I have now on hand say

307 yards of No 3 – 4 Bolts
261 " " 4 – 5 do
154 " " 5 – 3 do
102 " " 7 – 2 do
103 " " 8 – 2 "
52 " " 9 – 1 " 17 Bolts = 880
30 lb of Twine

I shall probably remit you next month –
Please send me your prices for the next season if you have made any change

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford Dec 31 1847

G. Evans Esq

Dear Sir — I have just rec'd yours of 30. I knew all about the [illegible] matter before — I hope you are be able to make the arrangements about the Pipe & with Bissell satisfactorily —

As regards the trip down East I must confess I can't see any object at this season of the year unless you want to get a worse cold and be [illegible] up for a fortnight — The climate of Maine certainly can not do you much good and I don't think there is any particular necessity for making the journey at present —

Yours truly

Wm Robt Grant Jr

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3[illegible]

New Bedford Jan 4. 1847

[illegible]

Dr [illegible]

Your favor of the 1st with Sales of Cargo for the [illegible] [illegible] The Money [illegible] [illegible] we shall be glad to receive it from you as fast as possible. [illegible] you manage [illegible] payable [illegible] send the same [illegible] payable at some Bank there. [illegible]

Yr Respectfully

Wm. Rotch Junr

New Bedford Jan 10. 1847

Mess. Kendall & Richardson

Gent.

Your favor of 5th [illegible] duly recd. I notice your remarks respecting [illegible] & will comply with your request. I may draw on you [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] shall be made [illegible] as soon as possible. [illegible]

Very Respectfully Wm. Rotch Junr

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New Bedford Jan 17. 1847

Messrs Thomas & Co.

Gentle

Your favor of 27th ult was duly rec'd. I note your remarks respecting the Keith. Would not his operations interfere with yours. How far is he from you? In case we should think it for our interest to extend our agencies I should want to know more of Mr. K. respecting his responsibilities &c as he is a stranger to us. Do you know about him or does any one in Boston. I should like to hear from you more on this subject.

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Joseph Ricketson payable in Boston at 4 mos for $1000 which I have no doubt will meet the wants you would like to complete the payments in specie.

Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas.

P.S. Please inform me as to the probable amount of shipping to be built in your neighborhood this year as compared with last — over

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New Bedford Jan 17. 1847

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent^n.

Above is Invoice of the Russia Cord Hauser ordered by you for the Rail Road. The Lanyards(?) of 13 are in & the Gangs are now making. I shall inform you when they are ready to go forward.

I wish you would give me some idea of the probable number of Ships which you shall be able to furnish with Cordage this year, also of the probable number to be built in Maine as compared with last year.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas^r

P.S. The Gangs can be deliv^d in

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New Bedford Jan 24. 1847

B. B. Haskell Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 18th with
[illegible] at York for $1300 was duly rec'd & should
have been noticed before but for my absence
from home — I am perfectly satisfied with
the [illegible] taken by you with regard to the
[illegible] and nothing that you should
charge the $3.60 expenses [illegible] with [illegible] com[illegible].
I hope you will [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] Balance of the Bills & remit to us
as fast as you can collect any money. We do
not wish to be more unaccommodating
[illegible] but money is very acceptable in
these times. With regard to [illegible]
what uncertain what they will be. Though from
present appearance they will be high.
We would engage them to sell at
the following prices. I think they will be
[illegible] in April & May —
Grand Cordage 10¢ Manila Cordage 12½
Bolt Rope as much more as you can [illegible]
[illegible]

Yr Respectfully Wm Rotch Jr [illegible]

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New Bedford June 24. 1847

Captn Daniel Knight

Dear Sir -

Mr Evans the Superintendent of our Factory informs me that when in Newburyport he had some conversation with you respecting Cordage for your Ship. We should be glad to supply you with best American Hemp Cordage @ 10¢ per Manila is now somewhat unsettled - We would contract to furnish you @ 12¼ [illegible] or at the price whatever it may be when you want the Cordage - Our Rope has I believe given very general satisfaction wherever it has been used and I have no doubt but that it would please you if disposed to make trial of it -

Please let me hear from you upon the subject before purchasing elsewhere

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treasr
of N. Bedford Cordage Co

Mess[illegible] [illegible] 1847

Messrs [illegible] Kimball [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] were duly [illegible]

[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] delight [illegible]

[illegible] as you [illegible] [illegible] Shipped [illegible]

[illegible] honored [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] when you speak [illegible] follows [illegible]

1 Tanned [illegible] 10 [illegible]

Manilla [illegible] $12\frac{1}{2}$ [illegible]

Enclosed are the [illegible] & the [illegible]

[illegible] ordered which have gone [illegible]

[illegible] go forward tomorrow —

Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible] Bros

New Bedford Jan 24. 1847

A. R. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir — It is some time since I have heard from you. I should like to know your sales for the past year and also what quantity of Cordage to be sold at your place this year —

Yours Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford January 25/48

Messrs G. Ray Esq
Dear Sir

Enclosed please find J B Congdon Cash. Chk on Mechanics Bank N. York for Two Hundred Eighteen 60/100 Dollars amount your Bill of Bale Hemp 10th inst. the Receipt of which please acknowledge and send us a bill receipted

Yours Respfy
S. A. Plummer
Clerk N B Cordage Co

New Brighton Dec 24. 1817

Sir

[illegible] I have drawn upon you [illegible] Dollars [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

Newburgh January 15th 18[illegible]

[illegible] Esq

Dr Sir

Enclosed please find $13 [illegible] in Mechanics Bank Notes for [illegible] Dollars [illegible] [illegible] 16th inst the Receipt of which please acknowledge and [illegible] this receipt

Yours Respy

J. H. [illegible]

Cashr [illegible]

New Bedford 1 mo 27th 1848

Mess Mitchell & Day

Gentn [illegible]

Tarred Cordage 11 — Tarred Towline 13

Manila Cordage 12½ — Manila Towline 15

Bolt rope 14 — [illegible]

Towline [illegible] 14

6 Months from Sailing or 3½ % off for Cash

We are now closing up our Accounts for the past year and should like your acct sales to January 1st 1848 stating quantity on hand if any at that time. If you can arrange the same case next week [illegible]

Yours Respy
L. A. Fleming
Clerk N.B.C.Co

We have the Tarred Towline now in the Store when you are in want—

New Bedford Jan 31. 1847

Messrs Murdock & Co

Gent - It is some time since I have heard from you. I write to ascertain your views of the Hemp Market - if you have any Hackled or Unhackled for sale and at what price -

Please answer at your earliest convenience and oblige Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

P.S. Have you any of the Notes of the N Bedford Cordage Co in your possession and if so what discount will you make upon them for Cash? Money is somewhat tight with us -

H. R. Stickney Esqr 321

Dear Sir We send to Boston this afternoon the Cordage ordered in favour of ? the sails ordered to be forwarded by the propeller on Tuesday. Please render your accts at your earliest convenience and oblige

Yours Respy

L. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford Feb 7. 1848
Messrs Kendall & Richardson
Gent— I have drawn on you at ...

New Bedford Feb 7. 1848
Messrs Thomas & Co
Gent— I have drawn on you for One thousand dollars at four months from the 3d in favor of Jos Ricketson payable in Boston on a/c of New Bedford Cordage Co which please accept. We are waiting for yr a/c Sales in order to close our a/cs for the past year.
On the strength of your recommendation I think I shall appoint Mr Keith our Agent for the sale of our Cordage—

Yrs Respectfully Wm R. Rotch Treas

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R. R. [illegible] Esq

Dr Sir [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible]

Clerk [illegible]

[illegible] Jaques Feb 7 1841

Messrs [illegible] Richardson

Gent I have drawn [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Jaques Feb 7 1841

Maj. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir I have drawn on you

for the amount stated at your Drafts

from No 8 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

On the strength of your recommendation I think

I shall appoint [illegible] as Agent for the Sale

of our Coal [illegible]

New Bedford Feby 7th 1848

Messrs Thos. [illegible] & Co

Gent — I [illegible] yours [illegible] You may sell the [illegible] by [illegible] whenever you can obtain 12½ cents. You might sell 2 or 3 lots making an equal distribution of the sizes in the different Lots.

What could you get for Thirty or Forty Bbls of Winter oil [illegible] Superior quality?

Respy

Wm R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Feby 7th 1848

J. J. Barnett

[illegible] I am in hopes of doing something with the Hemp Duck in the Spring, though it is always difficult to induce our Ship Agents to try any new kinds of duck in their voyages [illegible] great. [illegible] I can do anything [illegible] Its [illegible] Duck [illegible] with the exception of the [illegible] ships, your orders shall be attended to [illegible]

What are you now holding Hemp at, and what stock do you have on hand

Yr Respectfully

Wm R. Rotch

New Bedford Nov 7. 1847

R. M. Blackmer Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 4th recd.
I will take the 52 Bbls you speak of at 22c
provided it is as you say first rate —

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford Feb 2. 1848

J. Burnitt Esq

Dear Sir — Yours favor of 8th is rec—
Enclosed I send you Bill Lading of Three
Bales & Forty Bbls of [illegible] being the contents
of the two other Boats as ordered by you —
The Bale marked 89 contained 20 Bbls [illegible]
instead of No 4 as marked on yr Invoice —
I shall endeavor to dispose of the [illegible]
as soon as an opportunity offers — We are not
in immediate want of any [illegible] — I shall
give you a Call as soon as I'm able.

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford Dec 3. [illegible]

Mr Keith

Dear Sir — the [illegible] of East Thomaston have informed me that you would like to sell our Cordage on the same terms as they do — viz for 3 1/2 per cent on Sales [illegible] the freight & expense to Thomaston. As we do not wish to guarantee we of course expect our Agents to be very careful in making Sales and should [illegible] the Bills against the [illegible] unless the Sales are perfectly safe. Messrs [illegible] [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] & we have drawn against the Sales as we [illegible] giving ample time for the [illegible] of the Bills to meet the Drafts. [illegible] should like to hear from you on the subject. [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] to sell [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whether you would accept drafts payable in Boston [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

Wm [illegible] Treas
of N Bedford Cordage Co

William R. Keith Esqr.
West Thomaston
Maine.

New Bedford Feb 12. 1848
B. B. Haskell Esq
Dear Sir — Your favor of 7th inst rec^d with Dft on J. K. Knowles of Boston for $423.60 which Dft has been paid & to credit of I. Reed a/c —
I hope you may be able to make some good sales — With regard to the credit &c of course should expect to be as reasonable as other sellers. But to say that "the credit shall be as the vessel earns the money" is rather indefinite — Suppose for example it took her three or four years to earn it or suppose she never earned it at all! It seems to me there should be something more definite about the time — I should like to hear from you more fully about this —

Yr Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas^r

P.S. Yrs of 10th with $150 enclosed is just rec^d and credited as advised to Hannah Hall a/c —

New Bedford Oct 12. 186[illegible]

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir -

[illegible]

New Bedford Feb 26. 1841 326

R. M. Blackwell & Co

Gent= Yr [illegible] was duly rec'd

above is [illegible] for the am't of your Bill 20.14

which I accordingly have sent to [illegible] for

my [illegible] of your firm — Please acknowledge

the receipt [illegible]

[illegible]

Your bill is received

[illegible] at 4 mos from Jan 22nd [illegible]

[illegible]

the [illegible] for Capt [illegible] Feb 24 1841

[illegible]

[illegible] prepare as [illegible]

where [illegible] we shall be able to [illegible]

in a short time hence — We are [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible] amt of Bill

[illegible] the [illegible] of which please

acknowledge —

Yr Respy

Wm J. Rotch Jun

New Bedford Feb 26. 1848 327

R. G. M. Blackmill & Co

Gent — Yours of 12 inst duly rec'd

Above is check for the am't of your Bill 2014

which I should have sent before but for

my absence from town — Please acknowledge

the receipt of the same to Wm. J. Rotch Treas (on the 24th inst). 114.75

and oblige yours respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Feb 26. 1848

J. Burnett Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 16 inst

Above is check for 228.48 — am't of Bill

Hemp & c. returned, the receipt of which please

acknowledge — Yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Feb 26. 1867

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Feb 26 1867

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible] Treas

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New Bedford Feb 21. 1868

Wm R. Rotch Esq

Dear Sir, Yr favor of 15th was duly recd and contents noted. We should be glad to have you make sales for us on the conditions named viz 2½ pr cent on the sales. We should not of course draw on you under any circumstances so that the drafts would be payable before the Bills were due. We generally sell on 6 mos. & should not expect any advance. If however you can get the Bills cashed at your Bank it would answer our purpose better. If this arrangement is agreeable to you we should be pleased to receive your orders.

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford 2 mo 21. 18[illegible]

Messrs. Thomas Whitridge & Co.

Gentm We have this day drawn on you at 4 months from 7th inst favor of Joseph Ricketson for Eight Hundred Seventeen $\frac{79}{100}$ Dollars which please accept and charge to account of Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas.

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New Bedford 2 mo 21. 1812

Mess. Thomas Whiting & Co
Boston

We have this day drawn on you at 4 months from 5th inst favor of Joseph Ricketson for Eight hundred seventy 6 74/100 Dollars which please accept and charge to account of

Your friends
Wm. Rotch Junr

New Bedford Feb 9. 18[illegible]

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]

Gent

With [illegible] your [illegible] which we find to agree [illegible] with ours – Schr S. H. Hay is charged [illegible] $60.12 – [illegible] $60.[illegible]

There is also a slight mistake in the addition of [illegible] on hand – with these exceptions the a/c is correct –

With regard to the guarantee com[illegible] [illegible] that we do not usually pay a guarantee on the [illegible] with [illegible] – Messrs Tindall & Richardson [illegible] we have allowed [illegible] the [illegible] delivered in Boston and charge no expenses upon it – We usually expect our agents to hold the [illegible] to [illegible] letting the buyer stand till due and in case of [illegible] before [illegible] are paid [illegible]

If you prefer we will allow you the guarantee [illegible] on [illegible] the [illegible] delivered in Boston & [illegible] two [illegible] expenses upon it – In this case we should [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] extra com –

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 2 mo 24 [illegible]

Messrs. Thomas [illegible] & Co
Boston

We have this day drawn on you at [illegible] months from [illegible] favour of [illegible] Richardson [illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford Nov 22. 1868.

Mess Randall & McLaren

Gent= The favor of 8th [illegible] covering
a letter recd from New Orleans purporting to be a [illegible]
by 2 [illegible] Captains having [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] which was evidently written by one and the same
person Difficulties and all -

As regards the quality of the Rope, there may have
been too much tar in it - but apart from that I
have no sort of doubt - that it is quite equal
to the Cordage on either of the Ships mentioned
in the letter - It is a little singular that all
the complaint about our Rope comes from your
Place. Every where else - Portland Waldoboro & [illegible]
we hear but one report that there is not & never
has been any Rope in the market equal to ours.
I think in some of your Gangs there was rather
too much tar, though not enough to warrant the
outrageous abuse of them unless there was some
other feeling of hostility to the Cordage. The Rope
which we took back from you & which was certainly
the worst we sent you, we sold here without any
difficulty in a market where Spooner sends his [illegible]
Rope & open to the competition of New York & Boston.
It was too full of tar. The Purchaser was aware of
that, but he knew as any other man who knows any [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible]

P.S.

[illegible]

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New Bedford Feb 23rd 1848

B B Haskell Esq —

Dear Sir — Your favor of 18th inst rec'd. I have now [illegible] the Delivery on as favorable terms as others — You may sell the same to them & to Mr Isaac Benne at the prices you name viz 10 & 11½ — But I think the price of Manila too low as the price in Boston is now 12½ — I hope you will be able to obtain this for future sales —

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Rotch Treasr

New Bedford 2 Mo 26th 1848

Henry R. Stickney Esqr

Dear Sir }

We send to Boston to day the Cordage for [illegible] Bark as per Invoice annexed, with orders to be forward to Portland per first Propeller —

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

P.S. We wrote you on the 10th inst naming prices for the Manila Running Rigging for this Bark viz 11½ c and which we are without any of your favors — They should decide at once if they intend to order it.

New Bedford Mar 3d 1848

[illegible] Rotch Esq

Dear Sir —

Yours of [illegible] is before us [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 10 3/4 [illegible] [illegible] Manila [illegible] 12 1/2 [illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford March 16th 1848

Henry R. [illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir

We send to Boston to day the Cordage for [illegible] as per Invoice annexed, with the [illegible] to [illegible] Portland for [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible]

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

P.S. We wrote you on the 16th inst naming price for the Manila Running Rigging for this Barque No 11 1/2 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it.

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Messrs Bren & Smith New Bedford 2 mo 24. 1848

Gentn & Now pleas find memo of Cordage this day sent to the depot which completes your order of 23d. We are now selling our Cordage at the following prices

Tarred Cordage	10½ c	
Manila Do.	12½ c	
Tarred Towline	12½	
Manila Do.	15 c	6 months or
Boltrope	11 c	3½ % off for Cash
Wormline	12½ c	
Pointrope	11 c	

Awaiting your acct sales for the [illegible] we remain

Very Respfy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk [illegible]

Philada Nov 12. 1857

Messrs [illegible]

Gentlemen Yours favor of [illegible] sent to the depot which [illegible] of [illegible] 23d. We are now delivering our bagging at the following prices

New Orleans	10½	
Havana	do.	12½
New [illegible]	12½	
Havana	do.	15
[illegible]	11	
[illegible]	9½	
[illegible]	11	

Awaiting your [illegible] for the [illegible] we remain

Yours Happy [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 2mo 26th 1848

Henry R. Stickney Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24th inst with order for Running Rope for Messrs Sowles Bark and Dft on Mess Stickney & Poor New York for $432.45 due 5 mo 22/24 1848. Came safely to hand

Our price for Manila Cordage is now 12½ and we should be unwilling to make further contracts at less than this price —

Yours Respy

P.S. We shall forward your order for Running Rigging as soon as we get the same made.

[illegible] Jan 28 1841

Henry R. [illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favor of 24 th inst [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

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New Bedford Feb 28. 1848

Wm R Keith Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 24 is rec^d
With regard to long credits I would say that
as a general thing we do not like them, though
we should not refuse to furnish occasionally
when the owners were undoubted and the
probability strong that we should get our pay
within ten months, by adding interest after
six months — You will of course give the
preference to those who will pay promptly
on or before the expiration of the six months
& in no case sell to a doubtful concern —
Our present prices are for
Tarred Cordage 10¢
Manila do 12½¢ But as the
prices vary from time to time you had
better write when you have an opportunity
to contract — If you should wish to contract
now for cordage to be deliv^d in the summer we
should charge more than if we deliv^d it
now —

Yr Respectfully
Wm J. Rotch Treas^r

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New Bedford Dec 28 1848

Wm Whiting Esq

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 24 th [illegible]

With regard to buying Claims & would say that as a general thing we do not like them, though we should not refuse to purchase occasionally when the Persons were unexceptionable and the Probability strong that we should get our pay within the Condition, by allowing interest after six months — Your Note of Brown goes this [illegible] to those who can pay [illegible] on or before the expiration of the six months & we can act as a [illegible] [illegible] —

Our present prices are for
Sperm Crude 104
Manilla 5 12 1/2 [illegible]

Prices vary from time to time you can better Judge when you have an opportunity to purchase. If you should wish to Contract [illegible] we [illegible] should charge once [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] —

Yr Respectfully Wm R. Rotch Treas.

333 Thos Pitt Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible] for 300 on [illegible]

[illegible] and credited [illegible]

[illegible] from [illegible]

letter. — As I told you [illegible] I did not believe

[illegible] any other Respectable [illegible]

[illegible] Rice at [illegible] — If they

[illegible] River [illegible]

[illegible] — Magnolia Rice [illegible]

[illegible] higher — [illegible]

[illegible] I think it [illegible]

[illegible] — I am [illegible]

[illegible] of your people [illegible]

[illegible] the contracts [illegible] later in the

season — Yours Respectfully

[illegible] Robb [illegible]

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New Bedford 3 mo 1. 18[illegible]

Mess Kendall & Richardson

Gentlemen Yours of — inst[illegible] order for Yarn Cordage No 3 is before us. We are not length enough in our Factory for a Rope over 105 fms. Please divide the order for F. & M [illegible] and send us the two lengths.

We shall send you the Manila for this Yarn at 13 [illegible] should be unwilling to make large [illegible] at this price. Manila Hemp is advance and will probably be as high this year as it was last.

We shall be able to fill the order in two or three days after the rec[illegible] of your reply.

Yours Respectfully

S. A. Plummer
Clerk N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford Dec 1. 18[illegible]

Messrs [illegible] & Richardson

Gentlemen

Yours of — [illegible]

Your [illegible] for Henry [illegible] No 3 is before us. We

not [illegible] enough in the [illegible] for a [illegible]

One 103 feet. Please divide the order for 3/5 [illegible]

and [illegible] as the two lengths

We have been [illegible]

the [illegible] for this [illegible] at 13c the

[illegible] to [illegible] to make [illegible]

at this price [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and will [illegible] to as high [illegible]

as it was [illegible]

We [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] days after [illegible]

of your [illegible]

Yours Respy

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford March [illegible]

Messrs [illegible] [illegible]

Gent. Your letter [illegible]

I anticipated [illegible] before I [illegible]

[illegible] to compelled to return home

unexpectedly [illegible] when I found

[illegible] that Hatch & Randall

had served a [illegible] upon us for

the [illegible] of [illegible] and I understand

[illegible] they would [illegible] the claim

against [illegible] How is this? We are

[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Hatch & Randall

[illegible] that [illegible] to pay them in [illegible]

as the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bedford

Of this I know nothing [illegible] You

had better [illegible] informing [illegible]

the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] don't

[illegible] who has the money [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] appear

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford March 6 [illegible]

Messrs Treaven & Marlow

Gents I recd your letter of 4th
I intended to have seen you before I left
Boston but was compelled to return home
unexpectedly on Friday when I found
to my surprise that Haskell & Randall
had served a Trustee writ upon us for
the Amount of Lathe Bill - I understood
you that they would have no claim
against you - How is this? We are
ready to pay the money as soon as we can
know who to pay it to and have a clear
title to the Lathe - Haskell & Randall
say that you agreed to pay them as soon
as the Lathe came to New Bedford
Of this I know nothing - I think you
had better settle this somehow or show
the Bill of Sale from Bissell & oblige we
want a clear title to the Lathe and dont
care who has the money - I think you
had better come on here and settle the affair

Yours Respectfully
Wm J [illegible] Treas
of [illegible]

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New Bedford March 7. 1845

Messrs Roper & Co—

Gent— We find in using the yarn bot of you that it is very weak— Mr Evans thinks it mostly made from Tow— It certainly is not what we expected or what it ought to be, or what you thought it was when you sold it— There has been some deception in the [illegible] Manufacture— We have been through with the whole of it & find it about the same—very weak and inferior wholly unfit for Shroud yarns for which we intended it— I do not know what course you may think proper to adopt but feel bound to make you acquainted with the state of the facts—

For the [illegible] Spring is at hand I wish to know what price you [illegible] Robinson's upon for your Cord and when it will be ready for delivery— Will you please inform me upon these subjects— and oblige yours Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

[illegible] Bedford March 7 1848

[illegible] Cashier of the Merchants Bank [illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible] enclose you

[illegible] Check on Atlas Bank for

Twenty eight hundred fifty dollars 12

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford March 8 – 1848

John McClintock

To the Treas. of Beaver Meadow Coal Co.—

Dear Sir—

As the Spring is at hand I wish to know what price you have fixed upon for your Coal and when it will be ready for delivery— Will you please inform me upon these subjects— and oblige yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas.

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New Bedford March 7 1848

[illegible]

New Bedford March 8 — 1848

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford March 3 1845

Messrs Randall & Richardson

Gent =

Oil Sperm is selling quick at 93 cts

We of course shall expect to consign

though the price is not high enough for

1st Quality packages. We presume Sperm

does not intend to furnish that Remi-

nants will be higher than 13 1/2

before it is down - though that is now

about the price - Your Gauge is ready

& will be forwarded as soon as we hear

from you as to its destination - Please

write by our receipt of this concerning it -

We have drawn on you at four

months from March 3 Yours & Jas

Richardson for $1500 which please accept

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Jr.

[illegible] [illegible] 3 mo 11 1848

Andrew Whitney Esqr

Dear Sir

Yours of 9th inst came duly to hand — We can [illegible] on the Hawsers of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Esq —

Manila Hawsers 12½ [illegible] [illegible] 11th is [illegible] a [illegible] a Hawser [illegible] 9½ [illegible] 6 months or made a beginning on the [illegible] [illegible] 3½ [illegible] [illegible] should you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] have you [illegible] the [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] make the Balance [illegible] [illegible] — Yours Respy [illegible] [illegible] this — Manila [illegible] certainly [illegible] higher and therefore I would not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] force sales though I would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] offer of 12½ for what you have left —

With regard to further Shipments it will depend upon [illegible] [illegible] 3 mo [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Richardson and demand good [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sell at same. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] the Yarn [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and notified [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to attend to the Shipment of the Yarn We [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

Yours Respy,

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

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New Bedford March 16. 1848

Chas W. Moore Esq

Dear Sir:- Your favor of 11th is recd and I am glad you have made a beginning on the cheap & hope you will close the Balance soon at the same price or a higher one. Have you broken the assortment so much as to make the Balance unsaleable? Let me know about this. Manila will certainly be higher and therefore I would not advise you to force sales though I would not refuse a good offer of 12½ for what you have left.

With regard to further shipments it will depend upon yr prices. We are now getting 12½ here and demand good. Of course it would not pay to ship to you & sell at same. Keep me informed of yr prices and it may be an object to make a shipment.

I have drawn on you in favor of Jos Ricketson at 60 days from March 14th for $600 as advised —

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

Philada March 16. 1849

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir: Yours of 14th

is rec'd. I am [illegible]

a beginning in the [illegible] & that you

have [illegible] the Balance [illegible] at the Bank

[illegible]

the [illegible] make the

Balance [illegible]

this [illegible] [illegible] higher and

therefore I would [illegible] you to [illegible]

sell through I would [illegible] a good

offer of 12½ for what you have left? -

[illegible] are to further shipments - it

will depend upon [illegible] prices - We are now

getting 12½ + here and [illegible] good - I

[illegible] [illegible] pay to [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to make a

shipment -

I have drawn on you at [illegible]

[illegible] at 60 days from March 14th for

[illegible] -

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

Ship [illegible] Laguna   March 16. 1848.

[illegible]

[illegible] 29 [illegible]

[illegible] 27 [illegible]

[illegible] 432.77

We regret that any [illegible] should have the [illegible] of the Cordage [illegible]

[illegible] By [illegible] there

are [illegible] unaccounted for

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

I have drawn on you at [illegible] 60 days, dated March 16th [illegible]

[illegible] —

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford March 16. 18[illegible]

B B Hartwell Esq —

Dear Sir — Yr favours of 4th & 13th inst Check for $200 & $500 are recd & credited as advised —
I do not think it best to vary our price for Mr Gilbert though we should be glad to sell him on as reasonable terms as Spooner or any other good manufacturer but he ought not to expect us to sell lower — I don't believe he can get an Agency from [illegible] —

There is no change in price since I wrote you last — If there are any offers in your place under ours let me know —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas.

[illegible] March [illegible]

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent

Above you have [illegible] orders [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] safely.

With regard to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you last year I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] though [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in it. But I have [illegible] doubt that it is as good as any sold in [illegible] market [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible], 50 & 75 [illegible] at a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

With regard to the [illegible] [illegible] it is [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & we should prefer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] White [illegible] & by keeping on the look out for them you will probably [illegible] one.

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

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New Bedford March 21. 1848
Messrs Plume & Co
Gentn — Yr favor of 17th is recd —
am not particular about having the
Suffolk tar provided we can get other as
good — We of course want the best of tar
not a common thin kind which commonly
comes to market — However yr Mr Doyle
knows what we want & if he can get
us 300 Bbls of first rate say within two
months we should like him to do so —
You might send it along as he gets it
say 50 or 75 Bbls at a time and when you
draw make yr draft at 60 days if you can
as it is more convenient for us —
With regard to the freight it is better to ship
it by vessel direct than by way of New York
& we should prefer you to wait a little
while for such a vessel rather than ship
immediately via New York — Our vessels
are sometimes in Norfolk at this season
& by keeping on the look out for them you
will probably find one —
Yrs Respectfully. Wm J Rotch Treasr

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New Bedford March 23. 1848

Messrs Thomas & Gibbs

Gent. – I have drawn on you at four months from March 3 1848 [illegible] for One thousand dollars payable in Boston which please accept –

I hope you will be able to make some good [illegible] in this year again – Whenever [illegible] please inform us of the prospect –

Resp'y Yours

[illegible] Bibb

[illegible]

New Bedford March 23, [illegible]

John Williams Esq
President of Coast [illegible] Mutual Ins. Co.

Dear Sir—

I send you the papers & protest touching the late disaster of the "Osceola" off the Harbor of Montevideo in distress, upon which you will find that we have a claim upon your office for $864.39 as per papers annexed—

The "Osceola" arrived at Montevideo and together with other damage found her mainmast so badly sprung as to be unworthy of repair— No stick of sufficient size could be obtained there to replace it as you will see— For which reason Capt. Read was persuaded to rig her into a pole Brig as the cheapest & in fact only thing to be done— & you will find that the strictest economy was used— everything about the Brig which was in the least degree available being used— I have no doubt that you will find the papers satisfactory and be disposed to make an early adjustment of the same

Very Respectfully Yours
Wm. R.—

[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible] Brown [illegible]
No 1 [illegible]

[illegible] 225 [illegible]

[illegible] Surveyed the [illegible] again & also many
others both [illegible] in such matters — They all
agree with me that the claim as made is [illegible]
for these reasons. It was impossible to rig the
[illegible] as she was before [illegible] as her main
mast was found to be unsound and no stick
of suitable size could be got there to replace it
and in order to make her seaworthy they had
to cut off her mast & make a full rigged Brig of
her — Every thing was worked into her nearly
that could be used. So far as the owners are
concerned they would much prefer her as she
was [illegible] Besides it would at best be a mere
matter of estimate from which the [illegible]
would not be much [illegible] the [illegible] between
her [illegible] — [illegible] a mast could 12
have been procured it would not [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
we [illegible] to forward the
[illegible]
[illegible] Respectfully [illegible]

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New Bedford March 25. 1848

Mess Travers & Weston

Gent. — Above I send you a check for $135 — being Bal due you for Lathe after deducting your own fair of Harley Randall for $15. Please send me a receipt for the whole amount —

Yrs Wm R Rotch Treas.

New Bedford March 25. 1848

B B Haskell Esq.

Dear Sir — Yours of 22 inst was rec'd. We will make the Gang for Gelston at the price you named to him viz 10 & 12 & though the price is too low & he must therefore pay in the regular price next time. I hope you will have no more difficulty in your market about terms or about price. You need have no concern about the quality of the Rope. If you get a fair price we will send you such Rope as will admit of no complaint even from the most particular.

We will endeavor to forward the two Gangs in season —

Yr Respectfully Wm R Rotch Treas.

New Bedford March 25th 1768

Mess. Francis Martin

Sirs — Above I send you a Check for £187 — being Bal. due you for Letter after deducting your own share of [illegible] Remitted for 1767. Please send me a receipt for the whole amount —

Yr. most Obt. Servt.

New Bedford March 25. 1768

[illegible]

Dear Sir — Yours of 22d Inst. came to hand. We were unable to [illegible] at the [illegible] 10 & 12 & through the [illegible] in the [illegible] time. [illegible] will have [illegible] difficulty in [illegible] about [illegible]. You must [illegible] about the quantity of the [illegible]. If you get a [illegible] the [illegible] send you [illegible] account of the [illegible] from the [illegible] we [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible] —

Yr. Respectfully [illegible]

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New Bedford [illegible] 1845

Mess. Plummer & Co.

Dear Sirs

I wrote you on the 1st. inst. advising you to purchase a Box of [illegible] Bills of first quality but on the best terms you could — I am not particular about the kind Suffolk [illegible] if you can get some other kind as good at less price — but same price I should of course prefer Suffolk — You will however get such bar as in your judgment will suit us and referring you to my last letter respecting shipment &c I remain yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch

P.S. If you can't get first rate bar at 2.10 a bar of other kind I should prefer Suffolk bar @ 2.35 —

New Bedford 3 mo 30th 1846

Henry R. Stickney Esq.

Dear Sir

Yours of 29th inst with Check on Merchants Bank Boston for Eight Hundred Dollars is received and the same placed to your credit in account.

Yours Respfly

[illegible]

P.S. If you find that the [illegible] be bought [illegible] than the [illegible] [illegible] Roberts [illegible] think it [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Thomas Esq.

Dear Sir — Yours of [illegible] received. We shall be glad to receive [illegible] of Cordage and hope you will [illegible] the price — Manilla Cordage is high & the prospect is improving — We should sell you at the Regular price 2/ 10½ [illegible] you may [illegible] — subject to [illegible] commission & would be glad to furnish [illegible] of course you will obtain more [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. The Cordage can be [illegible]

[illegible] 184[illegible]
Messrs [illegible]

Dear Sir — Yours of 30 [illegible]
Contents noted — [illegible] should [illegible] Manilla [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that is [illegible] — [illegible] respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. If you find that the Manila can be bought less than the above price by your purchases let me know. I do not think it can. The cordage furnished you [illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. If you find that the Ducats can be brought less than the above price by your Purchasing at the Banner (as I think it can) the sooner you purchase the better

New Bedford April 3rd 1848

George W. Tilley & Co. Bristol
To N.B. Cordage Co. Dr.

60 Hackle Teeth at 30 c/ $18.00

Cash

G.W. Tilley & Co

Gentlemen — Above is Bill of 60 Hackle Teeth left by you which we have this day sent by Express to you — Please remit the amt.

Respectfully
Wm. Rotch Treas
of N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford April 3rd 1848

Messrs. F. W. Stelasco

Gent —

I write to ascertain what if any thing has been done about the claim of the N.B. Cordage Co. on the Underwriters for loss by damage of Hemp shipped per "Tricaunt" — The claim is $145.97 and I believe you were fully and transmitted you the documents at the time — Please inform me by return mail and oblige yours respectfully

Wm. Rotch Treas
of N.B. Cordage Co.

P.S. Have you any sale for Sperm Candles now — & at what?

New Bedford Apr 5 1868

[illegible]

New Bedford Apr 25 1868

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

Note of ... [illegible] 13 —

New Bedford April 3d 1868

Messrs [illegible]

Gent

Please forward [illegible] as soon as you can the annexed [illegible]

New Bedford Apr 3d 1868

L. Miller

Dear Sir. Yours of 31 inst received & noted. We shall begin on your rigging at once and forward it as soon as finished and notify you of it. The price is as you say 9½ 4 6 mos or 1 4 pct off for cash delivered in Boston. It is not usual for us to extend the time more than two months with interest after 6 mos making a credit of 8 mos. I do not remember that anything was said about such before since to me though I believe you mentioned something of the kind to my brother. We shall endeavor to give you a satisfactory [illegible]. I think we shall be able to forward you a part of the cordage by the last of the or first of next week.

Respectfully

Wm. A. Robeson Treas

N.B. Cordage Co.

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New Bedford April 3d. 1848

Messrs Cockayne & Co

Gent =

Please forward me as soon as you can the annexed Quantity of Hoops -

½ Tier L. 6s 2 Tiers H - 3d

2 " H. 5s

2 " L. 5d

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford April 4 - 1848

John Williams Esq Pres Atlantic Ins Office

Dear Sir

I have been expecting to hear from you respecting the Partial loss on the "Brig Osceola" Since I sent it up the General Mutual Office of New York which has about the same amount as your Office have agreed to pay and only wait to receive the papers to do so - Will you oblige me by returning the papers as soon as possible and also your answer to the demand - An early reply will

Much oblige Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch -

New Bedford April 3d. 1787

[illegible]

Sirs

[illegible]

New Bedford April 4 – 1787

[illegible]

Dear Sir

I have been expecting [illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford April 5. 1848

Wm Thomas Esq

Dear Sir — Yrs of 4th is rec — I wrote you on the 1st to Thomaston respecting the Manila — We will sell you at 13½ & 6 mos subject to your usual commission and can deliver it immediately —

Yrs &c Wm Rotch Jr &c

New Bedford 4 Mo. 7. 1848

J. J. May Esqr Cashr.

Dear Sir Above please find J. B. Mill's Chk on Suffolk Bank Boston for Twenty Eight Hundred Sixty One 13/100 Dollars amt of New Bedford Cordage Co note falling due at your Bank 8/9 inst — the receipt of which please acknowledge

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

Clerk NB Cordage Co

New Bedford Apr 5. 1848

Wm Thomas Esq

Dear Sir - [illegible]

[illegible] Administrator [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 7, 18[illegible]

J. J. Gray Esq Cash.

Dear Sir We have paid the [illegible]

[illegible] Twenty for Boston Bank Suffolk [illegible]

[illegible] being the [illegible] New

Bedford [illegible]

Bank [illegible] the receipt of which please acknowledge

Yours Respy

E. A. [illegible]

Clerk N. B. [illegible]

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New Bedford 1 Mo 7th 1848

John Deane Esqr

Dear Sir We send to Boston

38 Coils Cordage R. — 5190 lbs
38 " " C. — 5506
76 Coils in all weighing — 10696 lbs

Which we wish you to deliver to Capt Lewis Minchenbauch who has orders to call for the same on his arrival in Boston.

Towns Rispfly

L. A. Plummer

for N.B. Cordage

New Bedford 1 Mo 6th 1848

John Deane Esqr

Dear Sir

The Cordage sent to Boston yesterday, we are now advised is to go to Waldo Maine by the Schr Romeo Capt Minchenbauch now in Boston - they wish it onboard the vessel monday morning you can ascertain [illegible] the [illegible] Casing from Saml. C. Capen [illegible] St. Boston.

We forward to day 56 [illegible] Cordage mark T. weighing 5740 lbs for East Thomaston Maine & wish the same shipped from Boston by Messs Saml. F. Morse & Co. Milk St Boston [illegible]

Towns Rispfly

L. A. Plummer

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John Dana Esqr — New Bedford 1 mo 7th 1841

Dear Sir We send to Boston

38 Bales Cordage W. — 5790
38 " " do — 5306
76 Bales in all weighing — 11096 lbs

which we have made upon to deliver to Capt Henry Merchant who has orders to care for the same on his arrival in Boston.

Very Respy

[illegible]

New Bedford 1 mo 8th 1841

John Dana Esqr
Dear Sir

The Cordage sent to Boston yesterday, we are now advised is to go to Bath Maine by the Schr. Rainer Capt Merchant now in Boston — they wish it on board the next morning you will please attend to it. The Capt [illegible] Bales [illegible] 38 [illegible] to Bath.

We forward to day 76 ps Cordage more weighing 5740 lbs for [illegible] the same Maine with the same Shipper from Boston by [illegible] which we hope will arrive

Very Respy

[illegible]

B. B. Haskell Esqr New Bedford 4 mo 8th 1848

Messrs Brown & Smith New Bedford 4 mo 7th [illegible]

Gentlemen

We now have a Invoice of Cordage for Rigging [illegible]

Above please find invoice of Cordage ordered in [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] which we have sent to the Rail Road [illegible] by Capt [illegible] they will reach you in safety

Yours Respy

S A Plummer

[illegible] think you will find the work equal to any [illegible]. We have been sent to your place as we have taken pains to have it first rate. Awaiting your further orders we remain

Yours Respy

S A Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford 4 mo 8th 1848

William Thomas Esqr

Dear Sir

We have forwarded to Boston the Cordage ordered in your favor of 6th inst as per bill annexed for which please send us your note payable in Boston for the amount. We hope to receive some orders from you shortly for Range of Cordage and shall give you an article that must suit your customers

Yours Respy

S. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

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New Orleans Nov 7th 1848

[illegible]

Gentlemen

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Orleans Nov 8th 1848

[illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Clerk [illegible]

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B. B. Hasken Esqr New Bedford 2 mo 8th 1848

Dear Sir

We now hand Invoices of Cordage for Merz Ruag & and Mr Groten which we have ordered to be put onboard the Sem Romeo in Boston Monday morning next (10th) as directed by Capt Minchimbauch and trust they will reach you in safety

This lot we think you will find to work equal to anything we have ever sent to your place as we have taken pains to have it first rate. awaiting your further orders we remain

Yours Respfly

J. A. Plummer

Clerk N.B. Cordage Co

B. B. Hacker Esq New Bedford 4 mo 8th 1848

Dear Sir

We now hand Invoices of Candles for Mary Ann & Co and Wm Foster which we have marked to be put on board the [illegible] in Boston Thursday morning next (10th) as directed by Capt [illegible] and trust they will reach you in safety

These last we think you will find to work equal to anything we have ever sent to you as we have taken pains to have it first rate. Awaiting your further orders we remain

Yours Respy

[signature]

for Chas W. Morgan & Co

New Bedford 4 mo 10. 1848

M. E. Hale Esqr

Newburyport Dear Sir

We have sent to Boston this day the Cordage for Ship Massasoit [illegible] with orders for the same to [illegible] to the Eastern R. R. depot for Newburyport [illegible] it will reach you in good order and give satisfaction.

Feb. 5 [illegible] Your favor of this date Enclosing Check for $392.36/100 (Three hundred Ninety two [illegible] dollars [illegible]) [illegible] the N. B. Cordage Co. [illegible]

Enclosing a Bill of [illegible] against the Brig Patriot delivered the Captain which I presume you have noticed.

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford N. B. Cordage Co. [illegible]

Mess. [illegible]

1847

Brig Patriot [illegible] N. B. Cordage Co. Dr

[illegible] and [illegible]

for 358 [illegible] Manila [illegible]

Bill [illegible] 75 [illegible] @ 15 = 51.60

I [illegible] your [illegible]

I [illegible] would be able to fill the order [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and forward it as soon as [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford 4 mo 10. 1848

M. E. Hale Esqr

Newburyport Dear Sir We have sent to Boston this day the Cordage for Ship Massasoit 3 ng with orders for the same to be carried to the Eastern R. R. Depot for Newburyport. We trust it will reach you in good order and give satisfaction.

We also enclose our bill for the same amounting to $1729 29/100 Dolls at 6 mos from 4 mo 10th 1848

Thine Respectfully

S. K. Plummer

Clerk ... W. Bellows

New Bedford April 13. 1848

Messrs Plummer & Co

Gent - Yours of 11th inst enclosing Bill Lading of 47 Bbls Tar per Sch Ontario and dft on ... Bridge at 60 days from April 3 for 259.15 & ... and also yours of 4th inst with Bill Lading of 75 Bbls Tar per ... -

I return you enclosed the dft accepted - I trust you will be able to fill our order with a first rate article - we dont want anything else, and forward it as soon as you can - Yours Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treasr

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New Bedford 4 mo 10. 1848

Wm. E. Hale Esqr

Washington Dear Sir We have sent to Boston this day the Cordage for Ship Massasoit ; by which order for the same to be Carted to the Eastern R. R. Depot for Washington. We trust it will reach you in good order and give satisfaction.

We also enclose our bill for the same amounting to $1729 24/100 due at 6 mos from 4 mo 10th 1848

Thy Respectfully

[illegible]

Wm E. Hale

New Bedford Apr 13. 1848

[illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible]

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New Bedford April 13. 1848.

J. Cobb Esq

Dear Sir — Yrs of 13th is recd.

Our price for Cordage note taken for Manila 14 & for Tarred 10½ & for first quality. We understand when you and Mr T— is assented that Mr T— was to have the Agency in Thomaston & supposed that the arrangement was mutually satisfactory. We have not thought it right to sell Cordage to individuals in a place where we have an Agent and that for obvious reasons. You do not say whether you are to sell in Thomaston or whether you have arranged with Mr Thomas to do so. He can sell you there as well as we and I suppose would think he ought to. I should like to hear more fully from you about this before making a sale.

We should prefer to have sold you as Mr Thomas if this arrangement can be made satisfactorily to all.

Resp't

[illegible]

New Bedford April 13th 1848

Messrs Kinsman & Richardson

Gent —

I have drawn on you at 4 mos from April 3d for $1500 favor of Jos Rickerton payable at Globe Bank Boston which please accept. Your Gang is ready and we should like to forward it in time of convenient. It is a good one. We wrote you yesterday about the Hawsers. We will attend to them at once.

Port Bergen June 13. 1867

J. Ott Esq

Dear Sir— Yours of 13th inst came

We have the Charge book for [illegible]

of the Tonnage 10½ & the [illegible] [illegible]

When you are in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

we advise the Agency in [illegible] &

Baltimore that the arrangement was

mutually satisfactory— We have not thought

it right to also charge the Commission [illegible]

a place where we have an Agent and

that you [illegible] [illegible]— Would it not be

whether you are to sell in [illegible] or whether

you [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] to do

so— We can see you [illegible] as well as we

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from

you about this before making a sale—

We should [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you as

the [illegible] of this arrangement can be made

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Port Bergen June 13th 1867

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]

Gent— I have drawn on you at 60 days

from June 3rd [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]— [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]— We wrote you yesterday about the Havana

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]—

April 13th/41 New Bedford

Wm Thomas Esqr

Dear Sir — I have this day drawn on Messrs Thomas & Cobb for $1500 at 4 mos from April 2d favor of Jos Ricketson payable in Boston which please accept for a/c of N.B. Cordage Co & [illegible] pa's Agt —

I have a letter from Mr Cobb asking the price of Cordage as he wishes to sell at retail — How does this affect you — I understood that by mutual agreement you were to take the Agency of our Rope in Germantown — I should like to hear from you on this subject —

Respectfully Wm Rotch Jr Trea

New Bedford April 13. 1841

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]

Gent — Yr favor of 12th [illegible] 12th inst recd and contents noted — You have omitted to send us a Weigher's certificate of the weight of the Hemp — please forward it — Annexed I send you our three notes for the amount of yr Bill — I have concentrated the time a little more than the 5. 6 & 7 mos to which arrangement I presume you will not object — however we will make them to suit. If you do when the ships begin to sail we may be [illegible] friends to take them up — one or more & if so [illegible] remit you the money to New York and save you the 15 days accommodation to us.

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford Nov 13th 1847

Mr Thomas [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir — I have this day drawn [illegible] for $13.50 at 4 mos [illegible]

[illegible]

I have a letter from [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully Your Obt Servt

New Bedford Nov 13. 1847

[illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford April 15th 1848

J. A. P. Pierce[?] Esq Cashier

Dear Sir

Enclosed is Check for $3875 — amount of Mr Cunningham's[?] Note due at the Fifth Bank 14/17th. Please deliver the Note to Mr W. Rotch[?]. Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 17. 1848 —

W. G. Ruttson[?] Esq

Dear Sir — Having at length seen the Papers from Boston I forward them to you as requested in yours of 27th. Below I annex a Statement of the Amount due as per Mr Taylor's Statement which please forward by the Bearer to me. Respectfully

Wm J Rotch

Amount due on Policy for $3500 ——— 488.37
Deduct P. Note Int from April 17 to Sept 1st 15 301.25 / 4.6 — 196.81 — $291.56

Amt due on Policy for $2350 ——— 344.18
Deduct P. Note Int from April 17 to Sept 1st 102.25 / 2.23 — 99.02 — 145.16

Amt Due on Policy for $1300 ——— 234.41
Deduct P. Note Int 97.25 and 2.15 — 95.10 = 139.31

Amount due from Gen Mutual Apr 13/48 $576.03

Papers Sent in March 13. Amt due April 13th

Rec'd Payment April 15th 1841

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rec'd Payment April 17 1841

[illegible]

Amount due on [illegible] 4 88.37

Balance [illegible] 196.81 = 291.56

[illegible]

Balance [illegible] 145.16

[illegible] 33.41

Balance [illegible] 95.10 = 139.31

Amount due from [illegible] 1841

[illegible] April 13 [illegible]

New Bedford April 17. 1848

J. Cobb Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 14 is rec'd. As I said before I have no objection whatever to sell you provided it is all satisfactory to you both. But as we cannot have two Agents in one place we wish to understand about it. We will sell you what you want for retail on the same terms as Mr Thomas. If you send your orders we will fill them —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 17. 1848

M. E. Hale Esq

Dear Sir — Mr Evans informs me that you wish prices for Manila Cordage for your new Ship — We are now selling at 13½ ¢ 6 mos & shall be glad to furnish you at that price — If you can buy lower we should like to know it before you contract —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 17, 1847

[illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir - Yours of [illegible] is rec'd. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Resp[ectfull]y [illegible]

New Bedford April 17, 1847

Mr. [illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir - The Board informs me that you wish prices for Manila Cordage for your own Ships - We are now selling at 12½ & [illegible] [illegible] to furnish you at that price - [illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford April 18th 1848

J. Clapp Esq

Dear Sir — Yr of 17 inst — I don't think it an object for us to make any more Manila at present —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 18. 1848

Wm Thomas Esq —

Dear Sir — Yr of 14 inst recd this morning — We are perfectly satisfied to continue the Agency with you — But as Mr Cobb wrote us for Cordage we wished to know about it — Since which we have recd a letter from Mr Cobb saying that he did not expect the Agency but only a little some Rope for his outfit trade to which he said you would have no objection — We shall consequently consider you as our sole Agent in East Thomaston —

With regard to prices we are selling Tarred at 12½ & 10½ c — I presume the Tarred offered them at 9 was the contracted — Manila will soon be even higher than now and we should not be willing to sell less than 12½ & the Tarred 1st Quality at 10 — which are the prices originally sent you —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treasr

Newburyport April 18. 1788

J. Clapp Esq.

Dear Sir — Yours of 17 inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] —

[illegible]

Newburyport April 18. 1788

Wm Shannon Esq.

Dear Sir — [illegible] this

morning — We are perfectly satisfied to continue the

agency with you — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] no objection — We shall [illegible]

[illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

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New Bedford April 18. 1848

President of Beaver Meadow Co

Gent. I wrote you on the 8th of March respecting your coal. Will you please inform me by return of mail at what price you will sell the sizes ordered by the New Bedford Dredge Co in October last viz 300 tons of the Chestnut or Lump (?) size & 100 tons of the Egg size. An early attention will oblige. Yours respectfully, Wm R. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford April 19. 1848

B. B. Haskell Esq.

Dear Sir. Yours of 18th inst with Bill for $350 for a/c of D. Rudolf & Manuel for Lee which will be attended to. The dullness in Manila is only temporary. It is sure to advance by July. I don't know but you Rope [illegible] will sell for them but as our people must buy for cash & never more than 1/2 a years of supply, it might seem rather long. I have no doubt you will keep them up as much as possible and prices always [illegible].

I shall not be able to visit you in Boston.

Respectfully

Wm R. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford Apr 18. 1848

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible] Treas[r]

New Bedford April 19, 1848

[illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir —

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible] Treas[r]

N Bedford April 19 1848
B. B. Haskell Esqr
Dear Sir
Wm Watson Grey & Co
Yours of 17th is recd - Above
We hand you by Mail - we enclose you our
Draft note for $726.02 at 6 mos from
Bill of Mdze shipped for Brig Sierra - the receipt of
which please acknowledge
Respectfully Wm J Rotch -

New Bedford April 19 1848
Messrs Kendall & Richardson & Co
Your favor of 5th is recd and contents
noted - The draft was drawn on R. Rotch through
mistake but we presume it will make no very
great difference - We will draw the bal of the $ on R&R -
I am glad to hear of the safety of the Hawsers as I
began to fear they were lost - They went wrong through
the carelessness of the Freight Agent in Boston to whom
we shall charge all the extra expense -
Annexed is Invoice of the Cordage for Augusta
which we have sent to Boston to day as directed by
Mess Dennie & Lamson - The Gang is a first rate
one and cannot fail to suit - We have recd a letter from
Bangor asking an Agency the writer having seen a Gang
of our Rope sold either by you or Mr Stevens of Thomaston
and never having seen one equal to it before - Bangor
however is rather too far off at present - You need not
fear any future complaint about our Rope -
I should like to know about what orders you will
probably give us this year - Yours Respectfully
Wm J Rotch Treas

[illegible] April 19, 1764

[illegible]

B. B. Haskell Esqr. New Bedford 4 m 21/48

Dear Sir.

We send to Boston to day the 2 Coils Manila Cordage ordered in your favor of 20 you will find the same at the Depot of the Bost & Providence R. R. Co. and the freight agt. in Boston has orders to cart the same as you may direct. The two Gangs sent Messrs Groton and Company with your orders for the same throughout - we presume the error occurred in copying the riggers dimensions as you say. How did the Gangs suit?

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

New Bedford April 21. 1848

J. Burnett Esq.

Dear Sir - Yours of 20th with Sample Hemp is recd. The Samples look well, but at present we have as much Stock on hand as we wish at once - When we are out shall certainly call on you.

Yours Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas.

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B. B. Harkee Esqr. New Bedford 4 m 2/1[illegible]

Dear Sir.

We send to Boston to day the 2 bris Manila Cordage named in your favor [illegible] you will find the same at the depot of the Boston & Providence R. R. Co. and the freight on them has been paid to [illegible] as you may direct - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] as your [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Resp[illegible]

[illegible] Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford Apr 21 1846

J. L. Barrett Esqr.

Dear Sir - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -

[illegible] Respectfully [illegible] Robt. Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford April 25th 1848

B B Haskell Esq.

Dear Sir — Yours of 21st inst. rec'd with Bill for $50 on Bank of Brighton to [illegible] [illegible]

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

Wm Rotch Treas

received

The New Bedford Cordage Co promise to pay to the order of James Ingersoll & Co Nine Hundred Ninety Seven 80/100 Dollars at Bank in Boston.

Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford Cordage Co —

Saml W Jones

Dear Sir — Yours of 22d inst rec'd with check for $300 for [illegible] of Estate of A H Rotch —

Yrs Respectfully Wm Rotch

New Bedford April 25 1848

James Ingersoll Esq

Gent — Dear Sir — Yr favor of 24th inst rec'd with Bill of Do cord Bolt Rope and above you have N B Cordage Co note for the Amount — 997 80/100. Please send a receipt [illegible] Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Tr

New Orleans April 23 1848

[illegible]

New Orleans April 23 1848

[illegible]

New Orleans April 23 1848

[illegible]

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New Bedford April 26 - 1848

B B Haskell Esq

Dear Sir - Yrs of 25th inst rec'd - We would not sell such Rope as we sent you last short of 11¢ and we cannot get such Rope as that in Boston for less - We can make Hackled Rope deliv'd in Boston at 7½¢ as good as Kairns's will be - Our Hackled Hemp cost us $190 per ton & is very expensive - Manila we would sell for 13¾ If you can take [illegible] of us make him a [illegible] we will [illegible] 3 Months - We could turn it out by first of next week if ordered immediately - Our price to be delivered first of June would be the same as now - We rec'd the $50 from Waldrons & taken [illegible] it - Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

P.S. I hope you will enquire upon this Coast the difference in Cordage - There is all of 2¢ per lb between a good & ordinary Cargo - We got 10½¢ for such as we sent you in competition with Boston Rope at 9 & 9½

New Bedford April 26. 179[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford April 29 [illegible]

Messrs Rundall & Richardson &c

[illegible]

in Invoice of the Hawser [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1848 [illegible]

at Globe Bank [illegible]

Please inform me

[illegible]

Respectfully

W. R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 28. 1848

B B Haskell Esq

Dear Sir, Annexed I send
you Invoice of the Gang for Bennett which
has gone to day to Boston & is first rate -
With regard to the Gang you speak
about we cannot afford such Rope as we
make you short of 10¢ and we dont want
to make any other - The extra half cent is
a small matter in a Gang when compared
with its superior quality - As I said before our
Rope is made from the very best of Hackled
Hemp which costs us $190 - per ton and there
is very little such Hemp worked in Boston - Yours
of 27th is recd and we shall make
the Gang & send it on Tuesday -

Yours Respectfully

W. R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford April 28. 1848

B B Hathaway Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

New Bedford April 29. 1848

Messrs Kendall & Richardson &c

Gent= Your fav of 18th was duly rec. Above is Invoice of the Hawser ordered by you which has gone to Boston. Enclosed I send also Messrs K & R's note with Protest &c. Amt of note & charges being 827.18 – Amt of their check remitted 826.58. The Bal of .60c I have charged to Kendall & Richardson in the old a/c

Yours Respectfully
Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford 5 Mo 1. 1848.

B. B. Haskell Esqr
Dear Sir

Annexed please find Invoice of Gang Cordage for Missy Stone which has this day been sent to Boston with orders to be delivered to Capt Mowbit.

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford Apr 29. 1848

Messrs Rumneau & Richardson &c

Gent= Your favor of 18th Ult duly rec'd. Also
the invoice of the Hams [illegible] by [illegible] has given
attention [illegible] [illegible] also [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Amt [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] & charges [illegible] $827.18
Am't of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] $826.58 The Bal of .60
I have charged to Rumneau & Richardson in this Acc

Yours Respectfully
Wm [illegible] Tres.

New Bedford Mar 1. 1848.

B. B. Hathaway Esq
Dear Sir
[illegible] please find [illegible]
of [illegible] Exchange [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this
day [illegible] to Boston [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
to Capt [illegible]

Yours Respy
[illegible]
Clerk N.B. Exchange Co.

New Bedford May 3^d 1861 377

Mess. Southgate & Co

Gent^n -

Captn Reed of the Brig "Osceola" informs me that there is a Balance due the Brig on a/c of freight from Rio Grande to Montevideo of some $600 - & that he left with you the papers necessary for recovering it -

Will you please advise me by return mail whether you have done so - & if not what the prospect of obtaining it is & how soon - If you get it please remit, to me by draft on N. York or Boston.

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain

Yr Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch

Agent Brig Osceola -

New Bedford May 4. 1848

Mess Procter & Butler

Gent. The lead pipe purchased of you in January last for the N.B. Cordage Co. does not prove sound — There appears to be a seam nearly the whole length of the pipe; and it has opened in two places 3 & 5 inches long

Thus

Can you inform us how this defect should occur? We put 7 lengths into the Kettle — two have burst and been taken out and if the remaining pipes are no better we shall soon be without any means of heating —

Please write immediately —

Yr Respy
Wm Rotch Treas.
N.B. Cordage Co —

New Bedford May 9. 1848

Mess Plumer & Co

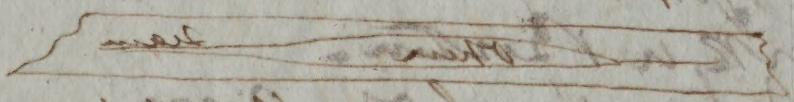
Gent. Yrs of 6th inst in re. Bill Rec'd 80 Bbls Tar — 162.60. Please add the amt of yr former Bill with int to date [illegible] the 167.40 & you draw on us at four months or if better for you many days for the amount of both Bills with interest

Yrs Respectfully
Wm Rotch
N.B. Cordage Co

New Brighton May 6, 1868

Messrs Proctor & Butler

Gent: The saw [illegible] purchased of you in January last by the M. B. Crutcher Co. was not [illegible] — There appears to be a seam nearly the whole length of the plate, and it has opened in this place 3 & 5 inches long



thus

Can you inform us at once the effect should occur? [illegible] with this letter [illegible] have [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] the accompanying [illegible] [illegible]

Yours respectfully

M. B. Crutcher Co.

New Bedford May 9. 1848

Asa D. Hall Esq

Dear Sir - Yrs of Friday recd - If you will call upon Mr. B. S. Rotch of the firm of Almy Patterson & Co. Milk St Boston he will be able to talk with you upon the subject of sales of Cordage prices &c &c -

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

N.B. Cordage Co -

P.S. If satisfactory mutually we should like to furnish you

New Bedford May 9. 1848

Messrs Plummer & Co

Gent. Yrs of 6th is recd with Bill 80 Bbls Tar - 167.60. Please add the amt of yr former Bill with int to date to the 167.60 and draw on us at four months or if better for you ninety days for the amount of both Bills with Interest

Yrs Respectfully

Wm Rotch Treas

N.B. Cordage Co

New Bedford [illegible] 9. 1858

[illegible]

[illegible]

P.S. [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 9. 1858

[illegible]

80 Bbls Tar - 167.60 [illegible] 167.60 [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 5 mo 9. 1848

William Thomas Esqr

Dear Sir We annex Invoice of Cordage this day sent to Boston in the care of Messrs [illegible] Osgood & Co in accordance with your order of the 1st inst. You will find this gang [illegible] first rate and we have made the price as low as we can afford a good gang. Awaiting your further orders

We are Yours Respectfully
N. B. Cordage Co
per A. Plummer Clerk

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New Bedford 8 mo. 18[illegible]

William Thomas Esq

Dear Sir We [illegible] of [illegible]

this day sent to Boston in the care of Mess[illegible]

[illegible] his receipt [illegible] your

[illegible] of the [illegible] inst. — We [illegible] this [illegible]

[illegible] make the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Your [illegible]

J. B. [illegible] & Co

— [illegible] Clerk

Ship Massasoit going
Newburyport } Bot. of New Bed. Cordage Co.

Manila Cordage marked ? viz

1 Coil	200 fms	3 1/2" Manila		576		
3	300	3 1/4	302.303.155	760		
3	400	3	271.268.269	808		
5	700	2 3/4"	217.220.222.222.321	1202		
7	900	2 1/2"	179.182 178 177.179.179 179	1255		
7	900	2 1/4"	149.151.146.153.153.150 150	1058		
5	700	2"	176.120.118.119.120	653		
2	500	1 3/4"	175.164	339		
1	300	1 1/2		155		
1	200	1 1/2		80	6889 lb 12¢	$826.68
1	75 f	11 Amer. Hemp Cable		2270		
1	75	7 1/4	Hawser	892	3162 lb 9¢	292.48
37 Coils Cordage					10,051 lb	$1119.16

E. & A. Bedford

6 Months

5 mo 9th 1848

New Bedford 5 mo 9. 1848

M. E. Hale Esqr

Dear Sir

We have sent to Boston to day the Cordage ordered in yours of 3d inst for Ship Massasoit going with orders for the same to be forwarded to Newburyport immediately. We were unable to get it out for you before as we had several orders to fill at this time. We trust it will reach you in good order and give satisfaction — We annex our bill for this lot amounting to $1119.16 at 6 mos from 9th.

Yours Respy
S. A. Plummer

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Ship [illegible] } Acct. of Manila Cordage
Newburyport

Manila Cordage made for do. 12 Aug 1848

1 Coil	200 fms	3½	Manila		576
3 "	300 "	3¼	"	302.303.155	760
3 do	400 "	3	"	271.268.269	808
5 do	500 "	2¾	"	217.220.222.222.221	1102
7 "	900 "	2½	"	179.182.178.177.179 ...	1255
7 "	900 "	2¼	"	149.151.146.153.157 ...	1058
5 "	700 "	2	"	126.120.118.119.120	603
2 "	500 "	1¾	"	175.164	339
1 "	310 "	1½	"		157
1 "	200 "	1¼			80 — 6889 @ 12½ — 3826.68
1 "	70 fms	11 in.	Hemp Cable		2270
1 "	75 "	7½	Hawser		892 — 3162 @ 9¼ — 292.48
37	Coils Cordage				10,051 — 4119.16

Entd. [illegible]
C. A. Hopkins

5 Aug 1848
Wm. [illegible] 5 Aug 1848

Plymouth [illegible]

W. E. Hale Esqr.
Dear Sir

We have sent to Boston to day the Cordage named in yours of 3 inst for Ship [illegible] with orders for the same to be forwarded to Newburyport immediately. We were unable to get it out for you before as we have been unable to fill at this time. We think it will make you a good outfit and give satisfaction. We annex our bill for this lot amounting to $4119.16 at 6 mos from 1st.

Henry Hopkins

[illegible] Bedford Aug 1 -

R. Stillman Esq

Dear Sir - I give you below

Cordage price at which we are selling

also Bolt [illegible] + [illegible]

[illegible] you can do as well.

1st Quality American Cordage	[illegible]	10 ¢
" "	"	9½ ¢
Manila Cordage	"	12 ¢
Bolt rope made in Russia	"	14 ¢

(6 mo / [illegible] / for cash.)

If your prices are lower in Portland I would be glad to know it.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

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New Bedford May 11 - 1848

John Williams Esq

Dear Sir - I have examined Mr Taylor's Statement and after due consideration have decided to abide by the Statement originally drawn up by Mr Wm. Taylor who we consider fully competent in such matters -

I object to Mr Taylor's adjustment on the ground which you must see but once in reading - he figures a difference of cost in the predicated upon the charges in the city of Boston - I claim that it should be based upon the charges in Montevideo and shall claim the full amount of Mr Taylor's adjustment on these grounds, which have been admitted by the Gen Mutual Office in N. York viz - That it would have cost quite as much or more to procure a suitable stick (even admitting the possibility of) for a mainmast in Montevideo as to rig her as she now is - It was the Captain's duty to act for the interest of the Insurers as well as Insured - This I maintain he has done - So far as the extra value of present rig is concerned I should prefer her as she was. She is less valuable than as now - I hope you will see the propriety of our claim and adjust it as the two other Offices have already done - We shall claim and I cannot doubt recover such an adjustment

Yr Respectfully

Wm Rotch

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New Bedford May 15 - 1848

Wm Thomas Esq

Dear Sir - Yr favor d/ - With note for $425.43 at 6 mos from April 7th for Bill d/ Jan'y Manila Cordage sold you in Cn. or Comm't -

I hope you will be able to make some good sales for us soon -

Yr Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford May 16 1848

Wm R. Keith Esq

Dear Sir - My Object in writing at this time is to ascertain what the prospect is with you for sales of Cordage that we make some calculations in regard to our other Engagements.

Please inform me what you will probably be able to do -

Yr Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas

Washington Nov 15 - 1861

Wm Thomas Esq

Dear Sir - Yr favor of [illegible]

[illegible]

Yr Respectfully Yr obt. [illegible]

Washington Nov 16 1861

Wm P. [illegible] Esq

Dear Sir - [illegible]

[illegible]

Yr Respectfully Yr obt. [illegible]

New Bedford May 18. 1848

Mess Thomas & Co

Gent. — I have drawn on you at 4 mos from 3d inst. favor of Jos. Ricketson for $1500 — payable in Boston for a/c of No3. Cordage to which please credit —

In regard to each of these you will bear in mind that our Tarred Rope is made of the best Hackled Hemp & is much fuller of [illegible] 4 times than ordinary Bolt rope — the whole is made of [illegible] Stock — I hope you will be able to make sales for us to good advantage —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. R. Rotch

[illegible]

Gent — I approve of your paying (Mr Bells) [illegible] for $1121.37 [illegible] of which please [illegible] —

Respectfully

Wm R Rotch

New Bedford
Jan. 20th 1848

New Bedford Aug 11. 18[illegible]

Gents — I have drawn on [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford May 23. 1848 386

Wm R Rotch Esq

Dear Sir — I duly received your order
for Lanyard Cordage which shall be attended to.
With regard to our prices you must be
aware that there are so many persons in Boston [illegible]
Rope & there are Rope Makers! We do not intend
to compete with them considering our Rope better than
most of the Boston Rope. Our prices now at which
we have been selling in Philadelphia & Baltimore
are 10 1/4 for tarred & 12 1/2 for Manila — We should not
be willing to sell for less or at all the prices for
the Boston Rope — As regards time the Thomaston
the sales have been made on 6 mos & if not then
paid interest after and our drafts on [illegible]
will all mature within twelve months from the
date of the sale — We should not be willing in any
case to let the credit overgo twelve months (which
[illegible]) and should think it a much [illegible]
[illegible]. For we should like to draw on [illegible]
[illegible] at furthest by the expiration of the six
months from sale & as our drafts are on 4 mos [illegible]
[illegible] 10 mos at the time of sale — If you can [illegible]
[illegible] you might extend the credit where the parties

are beyond question — Of this you of course
must judge — This is the way in which our
sales at the eastward have been made and I
have no doubt you will be able to do the same
Whenever you ascertain what you can do
& whether Boston prices will interfere with you
please [illegible] me [illegible] —

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New Bedford May 24. 1848

B. B. Haskell Esq

Dear Sir - We have yours of 12th & 22d Inst. In yours of 12th you said you should give an open letter to Capt. Merbet to be forwarded from Boston stating time for delivery of the Gang - We have been waiting for this to write you & send the Invoice and also acknowledge the receipt of the $150, and did not notice that so long a time had elapsed -

The Gang will go to Boston to day and be ready there tomorrow morning at the Providence R. Road depot, subject to the order of Capt. Merbit - Annexed is an Invoice of it -

Yours Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas.

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New Bedford Aug 24. 1848

O.H. Mather Esq.

Dear Sir: — I have yours of 22nd & 26th inst [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Capt Nichols [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Bank — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the \$15, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

The Bank Note of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Providence R.R. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] Capt Nichols — [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of it —

Yours Respectfully
Wm. R. Rotch Treasr

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New Bedford May 25 - 1864

Messrs Kendall, Richardson & Co

Gent. Your favor of 22 inst rec'd. It is somewhat difficult to contract so far ahead. But I should be willing to contract at the same price as those last sent you for the Jan. Cordage & leave the Manila till hand, provided we can have your orders soon and get the Rope made. If we send you any Rope for those ships it shall be a little better than any other line from where I may.

We will warrant it satisfactory to any reasonable man. You might see what is the best you can do and let us know. In case of our contracting I should wish to have the rope taken or be off to be turned towards the last of the season —

Respectfully Yr

Wm J Rotch Tr

New Bedford May 25 1864

Messrs [illegible] & Smith

[illegible] 23 [illegible] of the Cordage trade. [illegible] Rope. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

[illegible]

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New Bedford [illegible]

[illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir — [illegible]

been trying to make sale of [illegible]

without [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible] talking [illegible]

[illegible] a good deal of [illegible]

[illegible] the last [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] understanding [illegible]

[illegible] taking [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] remarkably

[illegible] the only objection being [illegible]

[illegible] — the [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford May [illegible] 1868

John Williams Esq.

Pres^t. Boston Ins. Office

Dear Sir — I wrote you on the 4th [illegible] the claim of the owners of the Brig "[illegible]" — since which have rec^d. no reply —

As the 60 days have elapsed since you were notified of the claim [illegible] the Papers I should be pleased to learn what you have decided upon — We [illegible] from the [illegible] Mutual in N. York [illegible] of our claim thirty days ago —

An early reply will much oblige

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible]

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New Bedford May 29. 1848

Mess Brooker Br & Co

Gent = I have sent you by Cars to day 5801 lb of old Yellow Metal taken from the "Arnolda" which vessel we sold a suit of Y. Metal to in June 1844 with the understanding that the old metal should be taken back at six cents less price than the new.

The Arnolda's metal has worn remarkably well the only objection being that in warm latitudes it fouled badly. Our Right Whale Ships will nearly all give it the preference.

Yr Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch

P. S. The sale to "Arnolda" was made by B. S. M[illegible]

New Bedford May 30. 1848

F. Burritt Esqr

Dear Sir — Yr favor of 29th rec'd —
We have a good stock of Webb up at present
and do not care to buy any more at
present — unless it is very low figure than
we should care to offer —
We will do the best we can with your
[illegible] though it goes hard [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] the American — Dunbar &c have
some of the American manufacture which
they prefer —

Yrs Respectfully
Wm J Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford June 2. 1848

Wm J Rotch [illegible] Bedford June 7. 1848
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you on the 3d
[illegible] May [illegible] I [illegible] not heard from
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] making the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Whether you
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with you [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Wm J Rotch [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] B. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Please make the [illegible]
and return it [illegible] Respectfully

New Bedford June 7. 1848

Messrs Crocker & Bros &c

Gent — Yr favor of 5 is recd with note for $91.50 —

At the time the Amelia's Yellow Metal was taken off the new metal was selling at 19 ½ c [illegible] and the price fixed for the old was 15 c — Some little delay occured in forwarding it to you —

I also notice a difference in the weight of [illegible] — The metal was very carefully weighed here both by our Mr Plummer & the Agent of the Ship & I think the weight sent you must be correct —

I return your note — Please make the alteration and return it to yr Respectfully

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Messrs Brooks &c.
Gentlem

Your favor
[illegible] Brooks &c [illegible]
[illegible] the new acct of [illegible]
the 5th Jany 45 I [illegible] them [illegible]
acct [illegible] leaving the balance
[illegible] 15 " 8 " 5 - Your Dft will be [illegible]
presentation

Yours Respy
Wm J Rotch
[illegible]

New Bedford June 9. 1845

Messrs Brooks Bugh[?]

Gent = I have sent you today by Railroad 2108½ lbs Yellow Metal taken from Ship Condor which was sold in 1845 And the old metal to be taken back at six cents less than new which would be 13½ [illegible] =
[illegible] acknowledge the receipt of this [illegible] I [illegible] you on the 7th [illegible] have not heard from you -

Yrs Respectfully Wm J Rotch

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New Bedford June 13th 184[illegible]

B. B. Haskell Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favor of 8th with dft on J. A. Dennison & Boston for $107 75/100 due 15th is at hand and the same is placed to your credit in account as directed. We should be pleased to sell you Savannah Hall &c. their Yarn wanted next month at Sand 10c Manila 11 1/2c which is as low as we can afford a yarn to be equal in quality to [illegible] the season. If they conclude to buy should like their order as soon as practicable.

Yours Respy

G. A. Pl[illegible]

Treas N.B. Cordage Co.

New Orleans June 12th 18[illegible]

J. B. Martin Esqr
Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst
[illegible] J. H. [illegible] [illegible] Barton [illegible] the com-
[illegible] is at hand and the same is placed to
your credit in a/c [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
market [illegible] [illegible] at June 10th [illegible] [illegible]
which is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
be equal in quality to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
If they conclude to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] as soon as practicable

Yours Respy
J. H. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford June 13th 18[illegible]

Captn Philip C. Smith

Dear Sir —

The Ship Hector under command is now ready for sea, well provisioned & manned for a four [illegible] cruise if necessary though we hope to see you before that time has elapsed —

The Hector you will remember has always been a *lucky* ship — has never made a bad voyage — you will therefore nail this motto to your mast — "Never be discouraged" —

We have the fullest confidence in your ability and determination to make a successful voyage and we look forward with confidence to your speedy return with a *full ship* —

I need not suggest to you how very important it is that you should govern your men wisely & temperately — suffer no cursing or swearing on board your ship but let the men learn their duty from the firmness & decision of your deportment — rather than from any violent or harsh treatment — your views on these subjects I believe are sound and I hope you will be able to carry them out — With regard to the cruising ground we leave the whole matter to your judgment — we have no doubt you will [illegible]

[illegible]

the best of your ability always remembering that the main object is the [illegible] in the shortest time — I hope you will [illegible] have you that have an opportunity to [illegible] of the success and welfare of [illegible]

[illegible] — I should advise you [illegible] a short time before quitting the [illegible] accounts as you [illegible] [illegible] and if you are fortunate enough [illegible] [illegible] in case of the Consul to be shipped home by first vessel — In case you are fortunate enough to make a short voyage and have provisions of [illegible] [illegible] sell them all if you can do so —

[illegible] sell everything you do not want if you can do so to advantage —

I believe your officers are all first rate and see nothing [illegible] [illegible] your making a short and [illegible] voyage —

I have prepared a Book [illegible] with a list of the different articles in the Slop Chest and for Recruits — I have put down the prices which they cost here — If you have occasion, as you of course will, to sell any of them you

must add a few [illegible] to the [illegible] have
I have marked regarding some of the Slops
what I think would be fair— [illegible] liberty to
in case of necessity [illegible] have
[illegible] for recruits— but I do not
think [illegible] would [illegible] any occasion to do
so [illegible] in every
respect—
Wishing you a pleasant and
successful voyage and a speedy return
I remain very truly
yr friend Wm Roth

New Bedford, Mass [illegible]

Messrs Crocker Bros & Co

Gents — I hold yours of the [illegible] with note for 263.56 [illegible] @ 6 mos from [illegible] 7th [illegible] old metal returned from Ship Condor —

With regard to the weight & weighing of the old metal your observations are correct Mr. Schmidt [illegible] as acting for you more than the first weigher. But whether the ~~the~~ metal shall be weighed here at the point of delivery from the hands of the seller or transported to your works at Taunton for the purpose subject as it necessarily must be to more or less loss on the road is another question and one which I presume justice & usage would decide in favor of the course adopted by me — Since the receipt of your letter I have enquired and been informed by your agents here that you receive the old metal from them at the weight here.

With regard to the precise day when I agreed to take back the Admiral's yellow metal I confess (though very much surprised at the information contained in your enquiry) I am unable to fix it though it was about the middle of May —

With regard to the closing paragraph of your letter I would simply remark — that [illegible]

understanding among all the Dealers in Yellow Metal here was that if the Purchaser should take a Suit of the Yellow Metal they would receive the Old Metal at the expiration of the voyage at 5 cents less than the new. In many instances a price was fixed at which it should be taken viz 144 these being six cents less than the price then of the new. And in one instance I made the same agreement viz with the Ship Richmond whose metal I shall return you in a few days. Mess Ridgely Minjean receive all the old metal from Ships furnished by them at 144 such being their understanding of the original agreement to take the old at 5 cts less than the new. I cannot think that my action in this matter is unusual or at variance with the practice of J. Smith here. Unless I am very much mistaken J. K. Harris has returned you the old metal at 5 cts less than the new & in some instances at 144 & in when they have not furnished a new suit for exchange.

Respectfully

Wm A Rich

New Bedford June 14. 1848

Messrs Kendall & Richardson

Gent — Yours of [illegible] was duly recd. Small cannot sell such Pipe as we are now making for the price you name. I hope you will be at [illegible] to sell a thing at a [illegible] price just to show the people the difference. We shall be glad to receive yr orders whenever you get them as it is some time since we have furnished you. Send us an order —

I have drawn on you at 4 mos from May 3rd favor of Q. Richardson for $1500 payable in Boston which please accept. I wish you would send us our a/c current with you for last year that we may now close that account —

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch Treas

P.S. The bill is drawn on Kendall & Richardson

I presume Small allowed no commission or expense on the [illegible] sold by him — quite a difference

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New Bedford June 14/44

M. E. Hale Esq
Agent of Ship Mascunono -

Dear Sir -

I shall be [illegible] to make two drafts on you for the Cordage to Ship Mascunono by one at 6 mos from April 18th for 1739.29 & one at 6 mos from May 9th for 1119.16 amount of our Bill against $2848.45 the Mascunono and if agreeable to you should like to make it payable in Boston -

Please write me by return mail -

Respectfully
Wm. Rotch Tr
N B Cordage Co

New Bedford 6 mo 12. 1844

Thomas [illegible]

Please to [illegible] the acct [illegible] for [illegible] Cordage [illegible] 47 and [illegible] the [illegible] 5 mo 16 [illegible] at 6 months [illegible] Boston [illegible] of Jos Rickets [illegible] Nine Hundred [illegible] Dollars which please [illegible] if correct [illegible] your books [illegible]

Resp'y
[illegible]
Tr N B Cordage

New Bedford 6 mo 17 1848

John Deane Jr. Esqr

Dear Sir We send to Boston to day 47 Coils Cordage marked JB No 1 a 47 which please ship to Wm R. Keith West Thomaston Maine as soon as possible and by a good vessel

Yours Respectfully
L. A. Plummer
N. B. Cordage Co.

Please advise us of shipment & mention name of the vessel

New Bedford 6 mo 17. 1848

William R. Keith Esqr
Thomaston Dear Sir.

We are in receipt of yours of 9th inst. Annexed please find Invoice of Cordage ordered in your favor of 5 mo 20th which we have sent to Boston this day with orders for the same to be forwarded to you immediately.

You will find this gang to be a <u>first rate one</u> and we have put the price as low as it can be afforded - after examining the gang and having the riggers opinion of it (which we think must be satisfactory) you will please write us with regard to further sales prices &c -

We are Yours Respectfully
New Bedford Cordage Co.
L. A. Plummer

New Bedford Dec 17 [illegible]

[illegible] Esq.

Dear Sir We [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

N. B. Cordage Co.

[illegible]

New Bedford Dec 17. [illegible]

William R. [illegible] Esq.

Nantucket

Dear Sir.

We have the receipt of yours of 9th inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

We are Yours Respectfully

New Bedford Cordage Co.

[illegible]

New Bedford 6 mo 19. 1848.

S. B. Haskell Esq.

Dear Sir Your favor of 15th with enclosure of Two Hundred Dollars is at hand and the same placed to the credit of Brig Almira acc. yours as directed. We hope you will be able to close with Mr Tannah as we shall give him a gang that will suit him and the price we ask is low for the quality

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

New Bed. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 mo 19. 1848

Mess Kendall Richardson & Co

Gentlem. Your favor of 16th inst. with memorand. for Gang Cordage is before us and will receive attention. Please state whether the Hawser for this gang "60 fms 6" is to be Tarred or Manila.

We will make up an Invoice of Hawsers of the sizes mentioned and forward you soon.

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

N. B. Cordage Co.

P.S. we make our Dft on Mess Kendall & Richardson for 150 $ at 4 mos from 10th payble to order of Jos. Ricketson

A Globe Bk Boston as advised

Yours &c L A Plummer

N B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 Mo. 19. 1846.

[illegible] Esqr.

Dear Sir Your favor of 15th inst. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford 6 Mo 19 1846

[illegible]

Your favor of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible]

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[illegible]

Sir

[illegible]

[illegible] Chicago [illegible] 10

[illegible] 13

[illegible] 14

[illegible] 12

[illegible] 14

[illegible]

6 mo from [illegible]

[illegible] off for Cash

Tony Ripley

L. A. Hummer

N. B. Curdy &c

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New Bedford 6 mo 19th 1[illegible]

Messrs Ladd & Safford
Gentlemen

Yours this day came duly to hand & are contents noted. We shall send you the balance ordered at the price named viz 9½ cents & the price of [illegible] for the quantity [illegible] you. The weather is too warm to lay the Rope to day we hoped to get it started for you by tomorrow afternoon

Yours Respfly
L. A. Plummer
N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 Mo 20. 18[illegible]

Messrs Berry & Smith
Gentlemen. We annex Invoice of 20 Coils Cordage this day sent to the Rail Road with orders to be forwarded to you at once. We trust it will reach you in good order and the quality give satisfaction. We think it first rate and not to be surpassed by Mr Wheaton or anyone else.

Yours Respfy
L. A. Plummer
N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford Aug 17th 18__

Messrs Fearing & Smith
Boston

Dear Sirs Yours came safely to hand & contents noted. We have sent you the Candles ordered at the price named 19 1/2 although the price is [illegible] for the quality we make [illegible]. The weather is [illegible] to carry the [illegible] & [illegible] we hope to get it started for you by tomorrow afternoon.

Yours Respy
S. A. Stevenson
N.B. Candle Co

New Bedford Nov 2. 18__

Messrs Fearing & Smith
Boston. We have shipped [illegible] of [illegible] Candles this day sent to the [illegible] Road with order to be forwarded to you at once. We trust it will reach you in good order and give you satisfaction. We think it [illegible] to be shipped by the [illegible] than

Yours Respy
S. A. Stevenson
N.B. Candle Co.

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New Bedford 6 Mo 21/48

Messrs Allen & [illegible]

Gentmn

Your favor of 21st is at hand - We annex a list of prices at which we should be pleased to furnish your vessel and will [illegible] give you an article [illegible] satisfying with

Am Hemp Cordage 1st Quality	11
Russia Hemp	11
Manila	14
Russia imported Boltrope	14

6 months

Delivered in [illegible]

with 2½ % Disct off

We should advise your taking the Am Hemp Cordage as we think the quality we are now manufacturing better than Russia.

Yours Respy

J. Plummer

N. B. Cordage Co.

L. B. B. Haskins Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favor of 21st [illegible] with enclosure of Two Hundred Dollars (Specie) is at hand and we place the same to the credit of Brig Markland & owners as advised.

We note your remarks with regard to Mr Vannah and would say that our last prices viz 10c & 11 3/4c for the quality of Rope we should make him are better than he can do in Boston or anywhere else. We will however allow you to close with him at 9 3/4c for the Tarred if you find he will not purchase of you otherwise. We think you should obtain 12c for the Manila Cordage if we sell the Tarred at 9 3/4c -

Yours Respectfully

N. B. Cordage Co

T. A. Plummer

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New Bedford 6 mo 26 1841

Mess Hunnewell Richardson & Co

[illegible] above please find Invoice of 12 Harness this day sent to Boston with orders to Mess Dennis & Sampson to forward to you. Your favor 21st [illegible] for [illegible] is at hand and will receive our attention

Yours Respy

S. L. Plummer

W. R. Cuday & Co.

New Bedford 6 mo 26 1841

Mess Dennis & Sampson

37 Long Whf Boston

Gentm

We have this day sent to Boston 12 Cask 5326 lb Sperm Candles marked R & H for Mess Hunnewell Richardson & Co Bath Maine. Will you please attend to the shipping of same for Bath

Yours Respy

S. L. Plummer

W. R. Cuday & Co

New Bedford 6 mo. 24. 1848

B. B. Haskell Esqr
Dear Sir

Your favor of 22 inst with exchange of Five Hundred Eighty Dollars ($580) [illegible] at hand & accordingly place the same to the credit of [illegible] [illegible] Returning you [illegible] letter of 23 inst [illegible]

Yours Respy
N. B. Cordage Co
L. A. Plummer

[illegible]

New Bedford 6 mo 27. 1848

Mess Crocker Bros & Co.
Gentm.

Your favor of 26th is at hand with Note for $728.- at 6 mos from May 29th for old metal returned from Ship Arnolda.

Yours Respy
For Wm J. Rotch
L. A. Plummer

New Bedford 6 mo 27. 1848

Wm C. [illegible] Esqr
Agt Ship [illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours Respy
New Bedford Cordage Co
L. A. Plummer

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New Bedford June 24. 1848

B. B. Hathaway Esq
Dear Sir
Your favor [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respy
For Wm. R. Rotch
L. H. Stevens

New Bedford June 27. 1848

Messrs Crocker Bro & Co
Gentlemen
Your favor of 26th is at hand with note for $725 .. at 6 mos from May 29th for the Metal returned from Ship Marengo.
Yours Respy
For Wm. R. Rotch
L. H. Stevens

New Bedford 6 m 27/48

William R. Keith Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favor of 20th inst

is at hand and [illegible] the Specimen

[illegible] on the 17th inst

[illegible] than the

Rope [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Should like to hear from you after the examination

of the Rope

Yours Respy

New Bedd. Cordage Co

L. A. Plummer

New Bedford 6 mo 27. 1848

W. C. Hale Esqr

Agt Ship Masconomo

Dear Sir

Mr Evans informs us

that Dr Noyes was in New Bedford on Friday

last [illegible] to see us with regard to the

bill of Cordage, as we did not see him we should

like to hear from you in reply to our letter of

16th inst & if agreeable to you make our Drafts as

therein stated

Yours Respy

New Bedd. Cordage Co

L. A. Plummer

New Bedford 6 Mo 27 1848

[illegible] Esqr
[illegible]

Dear Sir

Your favour of 24th inst
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] 92 3/4 [illegible]
[illegible] at the [illegible]
[illegible] at 12 1/2 per [illegible] think the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to hear from you after [illegible]
of the [illegible] –

[illegible] 6 mo 27 1848
New Bedford Cordage Co
[illegible]

New Bedford 6 mo 27. 1848

Wm C. Wade Esqr
Agt Ship [illegible]

Dear Sir

Our Cooper informs us
that [illegible] was in New Bedford on First day
last and [illegible] to see us with regard to the
sale of Cordage, [illegible]
like to hear from you in reply to our letter of
[illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
New Bedford Cordage Co
[illegible]

New Bedford 6 mo 30th 1848.

Mess Hayward, Osgood & Co.

Gentm

We have sent to Boston to-day 32 Coils Cordage marked T. 6600 lbs for Wm Thomas Esqr East Thomaston Maine which you will find at the Depot of Bost. & Prov R. Road tomorrow Morning - The freight Agt. Mr Deane will deliver the same as you may direct.

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 mo 30. 1848.

John Deane Esqr

Dear Sir

We send to Boston to-day 32 Coils Cordage marked T. No 6600 lbs which please deliver as Mess Hayward, Osgood & Co. Boston shall direct -

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

N.B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 mo 30th 1818

Mess Hayward, Pope & Co
Boston

We have sent to [illegible]
to day 32 Coils Cordage marked I. 6660 lb for
John Hare Esq [illegible] which you
will [illegible] at the [illegible] tomorrow
morning. The freight [illegible]. We have not
[illegible] the same by you [illegible] direct.

Respy
[illegible]

[illegible] Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 mo 30. 1818.

John Hare Esq
Dear Sir

We have [illegible] to Boston to day
32 Coils Cordage marked I No 6660 lb which
please receive of Mess Hayward, Pope & Co
Boston [illegible] —

Very Respy
[illegible]

[illegible] Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 Mo 30th 1848.

Jona. Brown Jr. Esqr
Cashier Market Bank Boston

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Reuben Nye Cashr Chk on Atlas Bk Boston for $2700.–
J. B. White Clerks Chk on Atlas Bk Boston for 563.23
J. B. Tsvern Cashr Chk on Globe Bk Boston for 400.–
amts to $3663.23

to meet the N. B. Cordage Co. Note falling due at your Bank 1/4 of July. Please pay and return the Note to

Yours Respfly
L. A. Plummer
Clerk N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 Mo. 31. 1848.

William Thomas Esqr

Dear Sir

We annex Invoice of Cordage sent to Boston this day in the care of Mess Hayward Bros & Co as ordered in your favor of yesterday. Awaiting your further orders we remain

Yours Respfly
New Bedford Cordage Co.
L. A. Plummer.

New Bedford 6 Mo 30th 1848.

Jno. [illegible] Jr. Esqr
Cashier Market Bank Boston

Dear Sir
Enclosed please find
Stephen Hopkins' Chk on Atlas Bk Boston for $2720.—
J. B. White Clarke Chk pa Atlas Bk Boston for 763.23
J. B. [illegible] Cashr. Chk on [illegible] Bk Boston for 180.—
amts. to $3663.23
to meet the N. B. Cordage Co. Note falling due at your Bank the 4th July— Please pay and return the Note to

Yours Respy
L. H. Thomas
Clerk N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford 6 Mo 31. 1848

William Thomas Esqr
Dear Sir
We annex invoice of Cordage [illegible]
to Boston this day per the care of Mary Haywood [illegible]
to be retained in your place of [illegible] awaiting [illegible]
further advice we remain

Yours Respy
New Bedford Cordage Co.
L. H. Thomas

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New Bedford July 3d 1848.

W. L. Hale Esq Agent

Dear Sir — Yr of 30th is recd. You are right in your supposition with regard to the renewal. I so understand it by that you should have it if you wished it by adding interest after six months. You then thought if I recollect right, that you might not want to pay under eight or ten months from date of purchase. I propose to draw the two bills on you in favor of Jos Ricketson for the amt as specified in my letter of the 14th viz one at 6 mos from April 10th for 729.29
and one at 6 mos from May 9th for 119.16
$848.45

and if you wish will renew them at maturity if you give me timely notice. Please accept them and oblige yr Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treas.

P.S. As regards the price of Manila Cordage it is what I agreed to furnish you at you will remember and I very much doubt whether you could then or now get such Cordage as that at the price. It was made from the best finest Stock.

New Orleans Feb 3d 1845.

Mr L. Hale Esq Agent

Dear Sir

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

Messrs L. A. [illegible]

Gent — I have [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1/4 — I can [illegible]

[illegible] which I can sell provided

you sell [illegible] can be bought [illegible]

the [illegible] will give me the difference

at same [illegible] — Please inform me by

return mail if I shall do so, and I

will send you a more definite list —

[illegible]

about —	35	[illegible] No	3 —
	377	" [illegible] "	4 —
	3[illegible]	"	5 —
	524	"	10
	[illegible]80	" —	7
	1845 yds		

Please write me by return mail.

Yrs Respectfully [illegible]

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New Bedford 7/10/48

Messrs Crocker Brothers & Co
Boston

I send you to day by Rail Road the old Metal from the Ship Marengo sold by me for you in 1846. The weight is 5948 lb taken back at 8½ Amounting to $505.62 for which please send me your note and oblige Yours Truly

[illegible]

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New Bedford 7/10/48

Messrs Crocker Brothers & Co
Boston

I send you to day by Rail Road the old Metal from the Ship Marengo sold by me for you in 1845 The weight is 4045 lb taken back at 12½ c Amounting to $505.62 for which please send me your note and oblige Yours Truly

Wm J Rotch

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New Bedford July [illegible]

B B Hazzard Esq

Dear Sir — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

especially [illegible]

[illegible] the cost of [illegible] —

The [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] to

you — With regard to the price of your cordage [illegible]

[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your people [illegible]

[illegible] the difference [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cheapest — We [illegible]

[illegible] to make a cheap rope in the common meaning

of the word — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] price —

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible] July 13 1848

Mess. [illegible] & Co.

Gent — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

With regard to the [illegible] in your hands [illegible] the [illegible] market & the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whether [illegible] markets and therefore I should think it would be best to make sales next month as the market [illegible] unless something should come in between now & then to change the aspect of the [illegible] Business [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] very low — In case we should want to draw on you at 4 mos from the first or middle of August next please say, for what part [illegible] in your hands we shall do so —

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

418

New Bedford July 14/41

Mess. Howland & Manning

Gentlm — I wrote you a few days since to ascertain at what price you could supply me 2 or 700 galls of Spring Sperm oil (bleached) — thinking the letter must have miscarried I now write again — Please answer by return of mail —

Very respy
Yours &c
Cotton —

New Bedford 7 mo 12 1848

John Deane Esq

Dear Sir

New Bedford July 7. 1848

B. B. Hopkins Esq

Dear Sir — Annexed is an Invoice of the Gang for Hannah & Others which went to Boston on April 4th just subject to the order of Capt = [illegible]

The Gang for [illegible] [illegible] subject to the order of Capt = [illegible] -

Also of the [illegible] Check for $340 - to you - With regard to the forwarding money I had no doubt about your sending it along but meant only to direct the Purchasers to pay as fast as possible - Money is very scarce here with us & never comes amiss - We have laid the two Gangs above with hearts both because they will wear better (so far as any rope maker would know) & it would cut more to lay them without - It is almost impossible in 4 stranded Ropes to make each keep its exact place and bear its proportionate tension unless you have a heart - In fitting they will slip out of place more or less - I notice that you may want another Gang on the 20th of Aug -

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford 7 mo 18. 18[illegible]

John Deane Esqr

Dear Sir

We send to Boston this day 59 Coils Cordage marked R. 8012 lbs for B. B. Haskell Waldoboro Maine which we wish you to deliver to Capt Lewis Winchenbauch who has orders to call for the same on his arrival in Boston.

Yours Respy

N B Cordage Co

S. A. Rummer

New Bedford July 18. 1848
Received of Mess Crocker Bro & Co their
Note at 6 mos from July 10 1848 payable at
Sts of Bank Boston for (505.62/100) Five hundred
five 62/100 dolls being in full for payment of Bill of
old Yellow Metal Returned to them from Ship
Marengo as per agreement—
Wm R. Rotch

Mess Crocker & Bro & Co
Gent— Yr favor of 17th with Note
for 505.62/100 is recd & above I send you a
receipt as requested.
To day I send you the Old Metal from the Richmond weighing
2517 lb which was to be taken back at 14 ¢ per lb as
advised in my letter to you of June 14, for which please
send me your note. I am in hopes that this will
be the last lot of Metal I shall be called on to return
to you — There is but one or two more Ships that
have any claims & from them I have as yet heard
nothing—
Yrs Respectfully Wm R Rotch

M. E. [illegible] Esq. [illegible] New Bedford 7 mo 19 [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

Yours of [illegible] is one. The [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] not yet [illegible] thing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in 182 [illegible] the 19th at 7 o'clock [illegible] order of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

Yrs of 15th [illegible] — I think it would be as well to let that Individual you speak of [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] If it is from the feeling which I think it is [illegible] [illegible] not trouble you again — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & sometimes [illegible]

Yr truly
Wm. Rotch [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford July 20 1848
Wm J Rotch

Mess Hussey & Murray

Gent. — Yr favor of 15 [illegible] [illegible] I have sent to you an abbreviated [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 80 [illegible] gals which I [illegible] you would [illegible] on arrival of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] at the market [illegible] whatever it is. The lot is too small to bother [illegible] much and the sooner it is [illegible] off the better. The color is very good & it will stand about [illegible] [illegible] for this weather. We consider [illegible] [illegible] handsome for [illegible] [illegible] & it was [illegible] [illegible] in April. Hoping soon to hear from you

[illegible]

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M. E. Hall Esqr Agt. New Bedford 7 mo 19 /60

Dear Sir Yours of 12th is recd. The Dfts were drawn as advised in ours of 3d But we have not yet negotiated them owing to the pressure in the money market they will come along in due time

We will inform you when we negotiate them —

Yrs truly

Wm R Rotch Treas

P.S.

Since writing the above we have drawn the Dft on you for 1729.29 due Oct 15th 1860 And you will probably receive it in a few days —

New Bedford 7 mo 21 1860

A Spragues Esq Cashr

Dear Sir Above enclosed you have Check for 1775 + 1600 = 3375 — Amt M B Coddan (?) note due at yr Bank 20/23 inst. Please return the note and oblige

Yrs &c Wm R Rotch Treas

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New Orleans 7 Nov 1848

Wm E. Holt Esq agt

Dear Sir

Yours of 12th is rec'd. The [illegible] drawn as advised in our of 3rd. But we have not yet negotiated them owing to the Pressure in the money market. They will come along in due time

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New Bedford July 22. 1848

Messrs Barnard Adams & Co

Gent—

Above you have N.B. Cordage Co's note for $123.25/100 amt of Bill of Items for which please send me a receipted Bill and oblige

Yrs Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford 7 mo 24th 1848

Messrs J. L. White & Co

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Twelve Dollars amt your bill Lacing of 20th inst. Please Return us your bill receipted

Yours respy

L. A. Plummer

N.B. Cordage Co

[illegible]

New Bedford 7 mo 24th 1846

Messrs J. L. White & Co
Boston

Enclosed please find [illegible] dollars sent you this Evening [illegible] 24th inst. Please return me your receipt

Yours Respy
[illegible]
for [illegible]

New Bedford Feby 5. 184[illegible]

Mess. Thomas [illegible]

Gent. [illegible] yours [illegible] this morning is rec'd and I am sorry to find that you have any difficulty in [illegible] for $500. We have large payments to make [illegible] the first of next month [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford, July 27 1848

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] $500 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] August [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certainly and to show you that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] upon the two machines for just what they cost us [illegible] One hundred & fifty dollars

Yrs Respectfully

[illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 2[illegible]. 1848

Messrs P[illegible] & Co

Gent = We have [illegible] that you are indebted [illegible] $1.83 [illegible]

[illegible]

yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford July 27. 1848

E. L. Lakesburg Esq — Yours of 26 inst. recd. Contents noted

We do not consider the Machines worth to us the sum you ask for them or $500 apiece consequently we must decline purchasing them & if you have as you say a Patent for them abandon the use of them — As you know we have been drawn into this thing without any intention on our part to infringe in any way upon yr rights or those of anybody else & would not knowingly do so for a moment —

We will now make you the following proposition viz. If you will show us that you have a good & sufficient title to the Machines we will pay you for the right to use them in our Factory One hundred dolls for each & every one that we shall run or use. We will abandon them entirely and to show you that we mean to do it will sell you the two Machines for just what they cost us viz One hundred & fifty dolls —

yrs Respectfully

Wm J Rotch [illegible]

Philad.a July 27. 1758

[illegible]

New Bedford July 27 1848

Recd of Messrs Crocker Bro & Co their note at six months from July 15th 1848 for Three hundred fifty two & 38/100 Dolls being in full for payment of their L. C. Richmond's Bill of Old Metal taken back at 14 per lb as per agreement — viz 2517 lb @ 14 6 mos $352.38 —

Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford July 27 1848

Messrs Crocker Bro & Co

Gent. Yours of 25 inst with note for $352 38/100 as per receipt above. You have omitted to endorse the note which is payable to your order. Please do so and return it to me Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch

New Bedford July 2 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Please send me a [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certificate [illegible] [illegible]

Wm J Rotch Treas

[illegible]

New Bedford July 2 [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wm J Rotch Treas

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New Bedford August 1. 1848

Messrs Thurmay & Co

Gent - [illegible] 28th [illegible] and I cannot see how you should so misunderstand my letter of 25 - as I distinctly stated that we could not raise the money as we had large payments to make & [illegible] the first of this month and should need all that we could raise - I stated to you that you might draw on us at 90 days which draft you could use in Boston if not at [illegible]. Of course I expected you to raise the money on it - In ordinary times we could arrange it here but at present we have as much of paper & Bank [illegible] to take care of as we can well manage - I therefore return you the draft accepted by us which I presume you can get discounted or shaved - We shall of course expect you to take care of the draft due on the 6th at [illegible] Bank and likewise of the note for $1500 at 90 days from July 28th which [illegible] wished as an offset to our acceptance herein enclosed - I have enclosed a new draft accepted as it is safer than to send one all signed and return you the old one with signatures torn off -

Yrs truly W. [illegible] Treas -

New Bedford Augt 24 1848

J. J. Mayhew

Dear Sir

Above you have check for
$347.40/100 Amt of W.B. Laidlaw's Acceptance due
at yr Bank 2 prox. Please return the difference

Yours Respectfully

Wm R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Sept 1 - 48

B. B. Haskell Esq

Dear Sir - yr favor of 28 & 29 Ult
last with $50 enclosed also recd

We notice the sale of Ho. Nine Gangs
& Wm Andrews & have them ready for
you when wanted -

yrs &c Wm R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford August 3. 1848

Messrs [illegible]

[illegible] we [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in which case the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I think you would [illegible] [illegible] 20 — I cannot yet decide about an [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — the great objection [illegible] is that would arise to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

Respectfully

Wm. J. Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 3. 1848.

[illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 350. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I have been [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

New Bedford August 3. 1848

Messrs Brown & Smith

Gent = Your favor of 2nd is rec'd - The prices are very low - but as we do not wish to be undersold to our own Agents we shall let it go - at the price you name mean delivered in Haven at 4.5 pr Kg - Capt Winslow is here to leave tomorrow or next day for Haven & we shall put the Cordage on board of him -

Yr Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Aug 3d 1848.

Messrs Thos Whitridge & Co

Gent = Yr favor of 1st Inst was duly rec'd In conformity therewith we have drawn on you at 4 mos from August 3d favor of Jos Ricketson for Two thousand Dollars ($2000) which please accept and place to a/c of Cordage in yr hands.

Will your market offer any inducement for a shipment of Whale - Sperm oil or Candles

Yr Respectfully Wm J Rotch Treas
N Bedford Cordage Co

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Philada Augt 3. 1848

Mrs Burgess Smith

Dear Madam

[illegible]

Respectfully yr obt Servt

[illegible]

Philada Augt 3. 1848

Dear Sirs

[illegible]

Respectfully yr obt Servt

[illegible]

New Bedford August 4/48

Jos. Mayo Esq.

Dear Sir Above please have Check for $2289.07 amt M.B. Cordage Co's notes due at the Bank 3/6. Please return the new note, and oblige Respectfully Wm J. Rotch Treas.

and at equal to any thing that can be made in this country - What are you doing to [illegible] your Sheep by Henry Fuller - Survey of Breach where will you want cordage for them especially [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] hate

Wm J Rotch Treas.

Can money be had at 4 pct per annum in Boston.

New Bedford August 4. 1848

Mess Wm R. Cooper & Co

Gent. Yours of 3d inst. rec. [illegible] contents noted & above I send you a new note for the amount of [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of $11.22 for [illegible] [illegible] which with the [illegible] [illegible] you a call - And oblige yours truly

Wm J. Rotch Treas.

New Bedford Aug 4. 1848

P.S. I [illegible] you as per [illegible] the assortment [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 21 20 however may call on [illegible] the cordage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in your market and whether you could dispose of an [illegible] of [illegible] Coils.

Yours Respectfully

Wm J. Rotch Tre.

New Bedford August 4. 1848

Mess Burr & Smith

Gent. Annexed I send an Invoice of the Cordage ordered say of 2d. The Brig Emma will sail tomorrow or next day and the Cordage reached you in safety and give you satisfaction. We think it is as smooth and all equal to anything that can be made in this country. What are you doing with your Ships Henry Tuke — Luminary & Hopewell. When will you want Cordage for them especially Hannah

yr truly

Wm R Rotch Treas.

Can money be had at 4 pct per annum in Boston?

New Bedford August 7. 1848

Mess Wm Rope & Co

Gent. Yours of 5th is rec. Our Stock of Bolt Rope is now about right as to sizes and I hope we shall not want to add to it — if we should however I shall give you a call —

yr truly

Wm R Rotch Treas.

New Bedford Aug 7. 1848

Mess Henry J Murray

Gent. Will you please inform me what Manilla Cordage is selling for in your market and whether you could dispose of an Invoice of assorted sizes.

yr Respectfully

Wm R Rotch Treas

Mr Alsop [illegible] 7

Dear Smith

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr [illegible] August 7 1848

[illegible]

Mr [illegible] Aug 7 1848

[illegible]

New Bedford

Messrs Bump & Smith

Gent. Enclosed is check on New York for $1660 – Amt of check left there and above is an Invoice of the Rope ordered by you Mr B – I write you on the 4th and was sorry not to see you Mr Bump when here – I hope you will be able to make sale of a good quantity of Cordage soon –

Resp[ectfully]

Wm Rotch Jr

New Bedford 8 Mo 8th 1848.

Messr. Dennie & Lamson

Gentlm

We send to Boston this day 39 Coils Cordage marked M weighing 7251 lbs which Messr Kendall Richardson & Co inform us you will ship to Hallowell Maine.

Yours Respfly

L. A. Plummer

N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford August 8. 1848

Messrs Bump & Smith

Gent – We send you today the Invoice of the whole lot of Cordage now on board the Wm Penn. Capt W– assures us he will sail tomorrow – If you have any more orders send them along as soon as possible –

Yrs truly Wm Rotch Jr

[illegible]

Baltimore 8 mo 8th 1846.

Messrs Dennis & Jamieson
Boston

We have sh[ipped] to Boston this day 34 Coils Cordage marked M weighing 7251 lbs which Messrs Howard Richardson & Co inform us you have sold to Baltimore Marine.

Very Respy
Yours
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] Aug 9

Mess Kendall & Richardson

Gent= Enclosed you find Invoices of Gangs No 7 & No 8 which have gone [illegible] the latter to be shipped to Hallowell as advised 4th — We should like to forward the remaining Gangs 5. 6. & 9 as soon as possible please inform us if we can do so — One of them is already done and the other two will be so in a day or two — We notice there is no [illegible] ordered for Gang 9. Is it an oversight?

Yr truly
Wm R Rotch Treas

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New Bedford August 1. 1847

Messrs Russell Richardson & Co

Dear Sirs — [illegible]

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Mess C. T. & T. H. Russell   New Bedford Aug 9. 1848

Gentlm   Yours of 2d is recd & contents noted
We are somewhat surprised at it inasmuch as we had
never heard that Mr S— claimed any damages for infringement
and as we stated in our letter to him we should not think
of using a machine patented by him without paying him for
it— Will you please enlighten us a little upon this matter and
oblige

Yours Respecy Wm R Rotch Mast Wm Becker

New Bedford August 9. 1848
Chas W. Morgan Esqr
Dear Sir:— My object by writing
is to ascertain something about the Cargo
of Cordage [illegible]
[illegible] so tight that the [illegible]
Cordage has not [illegible] I think soon [illegible]
[illegible] & if they do so perhaps it will be best to
close it at the best price [illegible] I should like
to have your views [illegible] the State & prospects of
the market and also to ascertain where the
consignment [illegible] is and whether it is a saleable
one— Please inform me on these points in regard
to this and we will see what is best to do— I
should likewise be pleased to [illegible] the [illegible]
of Sperm & Candles with you & if there is any
demand for them— [illegible]

[illegible]

Wm C. T. & T. H. Brown — New Bedford Aug 9. 1848

Gentlemen

Yours of 2d is rec'd & contents noted

We are somewhat surprised at ye manner of ye [illegible]

Have heard that Mr S. Claims any damage for infringement

And as we stated in our letter to him we [illegible]

of using a machine patented by him without paying him for

it — [illegible] please enlighten us a little upon this matter and

oblige

Yours Respectfully [illegible]

New Bedford March 9. 1848

Nath. Morgan Esq

Dear Sir: [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] can [illegible] the [illegible]

We shall draw on you [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] New Orleans [illegible] 15 [illegible]

[illegible] &c

Dear Sir — [illegible] send you [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] — We [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] to [illegible] and I write now to say that we shall [illegible] [illegible] your Rope [illegible] dont want to make any [illegible] [illegible] to try some of the Rope which [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — Manila [illegible] is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] market would be [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] above an [illegible].

I would not sell [illegible] [illegible] you think [illegible] will never [illegible] again. If there is any prospect of an [illegible] [illegible] you will get [illegible] sure and [illegible] [illegible] — If there is no prospect I [illegible] think you will have to sell for much less. The [illegible] [illegible] at 9½ [illegible] ought to [illegible] 11½. We would not be willing to sell [illegible] [illegible] you name [illegible] of 11½. But [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I may send you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] see you [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Thos Mandell & Co

New Bedford 8 mo 15. 1848

Wm Kendall Richardson & Co.

Gentlemen

Your favor of 10th is rec^d & we will make the alterations in gang No 10 - With regard to the price of Cordage we do not care to sell less than 9½^d - That is low enough for good Rope & we dont want to make any other. It will be as well to try some of the Rope which is offered at 9^d or less and see how it works. I apprehend the experiment will not be often tried and that you will soon get your price - We now have about as many orders on hand as we can get out before the middle of October & therefore it would not be safe to engage any to be delivered before that time.

Yours Truly

Wm J Rotch

Thos Mandell

New Bedford 8 mo 15. 1848

[illegible] &c.

[illegible]

Your favor of 10th is rec'd. We will make the alteration in going No 10 - white we agree to the price of Cap we do not care to sell less than 9½ - That is low enough for good Rope & we don't want to make any other. We would be as well to try some of the Rope which is offered at 9½ or less and see how it works. I apprehend the experiment will not be often tried and that you will soon get your price. We are now about as many orders on hand as we can get out before the middle of October & therefore it would not be safe to engage any to be delivered before that time.

Yours truly

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 15. 1848

Thos Whitney & Co

[illegible] Contents noted — [illegible] & can say that [illegible] that the price must [illegible] as business brightens — inasmuch as the supply of Hemp will certainly be short. You must however do as you think best with the cotton proceeds — If there is no prospect of a revival of business [illegible] you soon why then it would be best [illegible] the most available offer you can get. If however things seem to brighten with you as there is some prospect of their doing [illegible] you will soon obtain higher rates. Manila Hemp has advanced 1/2 a cent in Boston the past week — Yours truly

[illegible]

[illegible] that is the stock of [illegible] [illegible]

New Bedford Aug 15 1848

[illegible]

[illegible] of 12 inst. If there is any chance of a [illegible] [illegible] would prefer [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] 1860

James M. Wood Esq.

Dear Sir

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we can get

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 4/4 [illegible]

[illegible] please [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] per cent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

able to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to forward [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

[illegible]

[illegible] Esq. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mess. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to be shipped [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible].

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

[illegible]

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New Bedford ~~New Bedf~~ ... 18

James M. Hood Esq
Dear Sir
We enclose our bill for Cordage &c furnished your new Bark Acuity to 943.46/100 at 6 months from 1 mo. for which please send us a note payable in Wrentham or Taunton or we will discount for Cash at the rate of ten per cent per annum. We have not been able to see the Rigger today but will ask him to forward his bill and the Ammunition you wish.

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer

New Bedford 8 mo 19. 18..
Messrs Kendall Richardson &c
Gentlemen
Enclosed please find Invoice of entire quantity of Cordage No 316 which we shipped last to Boston with orders to be shipped per Schr. L. D. Bailey at ... Nog is at our Depot waiting orders from Messrs Cumming Lawson.

Yours Respy
L. A. Plummer
N. B. Cordage Co

New Bedford [illegible]

[illegible] Esq
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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New Bedford August 19. 1848

Mess Roper &c

Gentn If you have any more of the same Kind of yarns as those Bot of you 29th of last month & will let us have them at same price on 10 4 mos you may send us by cars Monday ten nineties the same number as Bot

Respectfully Yrs. J. Rotch Pres

N B. Cordage Co

P.S. Please answer by return mail

New Bedford Aug 19. 1848

B B Haskell Esq

Dear Sir. I suppose you have the Invoice of Cordage &c .... Schooner ... Castine has gone to R. Road today ... Boston on the subject of your order. The freight agent at the N. Bedford Taunton Branch R. Road (where the cordage may be found) John Dean & he is notified that you will give orders [illegible] &c. With regard to Spunyarn & Seizing we endeavor always conforming to the orders and do not think there can be that variation. We shall get out the other [illegible] soon as possible.

Respectfully Yrs J. Rotch

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New Bedford Augt 19. 1848

Messrs [illegible] & Co

Gent. If you have any more of the same Rice of same as that sent by you [illegible] let us have them at your price [illegible] you may send us by [illegible] Monday [illegible] the same [illegible]

Respectfully Yrs [illegible]

P.S. Please answer by return mail [illegible]

New Bedford Augt 19. 1848

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir

[illegible]

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New Bedford August 21. 1848

Messrs Bury & Smith

Dear Sirs, Yours of 18 inst. We regret the slow progress of the Wm Penn & at a proper time shall advertise her. Meanwhile the order for the Sumner is by no means [illegible]. It must be the same Cordage as for Atlantic except Hawser Laid Lower Peak Halyards & 9 coils of Manila. Please inform us if you mean us to select the Manila [illegible] or if there are any particular sizes of it which you would prefer to have left out. The Atlantic had about 40 coils. An early reply will secure a prompt despatch on our part.

Truly
Wm Rotch Treas

New Bedford 8 mo 22/48

Messrs Dennis & Lamson
Gentlemen

We send to Boston to day as advised in your favor of yesterday a gang of Cordage for Messrs Kendall, Richardson & Co. Bk [illegible] say 74 Coils Cordage marked C. weighing 11014 lb

Yours Respy
L. H. Plummer
N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford August 22. 18[illegible]

Mess Kendall Richardson & Co.

Gent. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

sent to Boston this day by order of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

we shall get the other [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] truly [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 8 mo 22. 18[illegible]

John Deane Esqr

Dear Sir

We have sent to Boston to day 74 Cords baggage marked C. [illegible] [illegible]. Mess. [illegible] [illegible] Cannon can inform you where it is to be sent.

Yours Respy

L. A. [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] 23 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] as you advise

Yours truly [illegible]

[illegible] August 23. 1845

[illegible]

Dear [illegible] 23. [illegible]

believe [illegible]

[illegible] 1844

this is the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] August 23. 1845

[illegible] August 23. 1845

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford August 25. 1844

Messrs Rundall & Richardson & Co

Gent. — Yr favor of 23d is recd — I don't believe that we can possibly turn out any more orders than we now have before October — This is our busiest season here and in addition to large orders from abroad will give us as much as we can scratch under for a while — We may possibly be on say in course of a fortnight to engage some more but at present should not dare to — The order enclosed we cannot possibly turn out when required unless some of our previous ones can wait — How is this?

Yr Respy Wm. Rotch Read

P.S. If you can sell some things of Russia Hemp Cordage at 11¢ we could furnish them as we have the yarn —

New Bedford Aug 25. 1844

J. R. Stuyvesant Esq

Dear Sir — Yr of 23d with note for $355 & Check for $100 & Bill for same enclosed is recd — As we are very short just now we would like you to forward us Dunham & Dunn's Acceptance for the Balance due from them payable in 4 mos which we can use —

Yr truly — Wm. Rotch Read

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 2 [illegible]

[illegible] A. Rowland [illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible] 31 [illegible]

I was very much [illegible] to find [illegible] [illegible] had been to you. We sent [illegible] and [illegible] purchasing [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] then obliged to take any [illegible] for our [illegible]. I suppose [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the Captain [illegible] [illegible] were unable to [illegible]

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this matter more at length – We have no disposition to do anything [illegible] the [illegible] but it certainly strikes us that we are on the right & it [illegible] equally certain that we have suffered great inconvenience & actual loss [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which we were compelled to [illegible] – [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 1865

Wm Thomas Esq

Dear Sir – We have [illegible] [illegible] how you managed [illegible] [illegible] due the 8th. We were very sorry that we could do nothing but [illegible] payment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – Please write [illegible] [illegible] accordingly [illegible] – [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible] 1865

G. [illegible]

Dear Sir – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Manila Hemp [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 8 mo 2[illegible] [illegible]

James M. [illegible] Esqr

Dear Sir

Your favor of 25th with [illegible] for $[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] send the [illegible] to your [illegible] [illegible] account. We [illegible].

Very Respy

L. F. [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 8 mo 29. 18[illegible]

William A. Keith Esqr

Dear Sir

We have [illegible] [illegible] of Timber [illegible] sent to Boston yesterday with order to be forwarded to you at once — We hope it may arrive in season for your vessel — We have [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible] for the past fortnight that we could not get it along before.

Very Respy

L. F. [illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 30. 184[illegible]

D. W. Edwards Esq

Dear Sir: In accordance with your request of [illegible] I have this day sent Mr. Reed [illegible] [illegible] at the Boston & New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] called for 4 casks & 1 Bbl of 1st quality Winter Sperm oil [illegible] [illegible] as furnished [illegible] in the Winter. [illegible] below are [illegible] of the same which will probably be in Boston tomorrow (Thursday) morning [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Invoice of 5 Packages of Winter Sperm oil this day sent by Mr. Reed to Boston subject to the order of D. W. Edwards Esq

1 Cask	Guaging	130	gallons	[illegible]	1 out
1 "	"	133	"	"	1 out
1 "	"	170	"	"	3 "
1 "	"	186	"	"	3 "
1 Bbl	"	30½	"	"	1½ "
		[illegible]39½	"	less	6½ = 633 net [illegible]

E. E.

New Bedford Aug 30. 1848.

[illegible] Bergen Aug 30 1861
A. N. [illegible] [illegible] Aug 30 1861

Gentlemen [illegible] enclosing
Two [illegible] for $ 08.02 + $ 10.40.
We should be glad to [illegible]
[illegible] we thought we
could possibly do [illegible] But we see no chance at
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Bergen Aug 30 1861
B. [illegible]
Dear Sir [illegible]
Enclosed Five hundred fifty [illegible] $ 24/100
$ [illegible] 24/100 to the credit of Brig [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] No 12. We presume
[illegible] remember the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] able to make [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 30. 1848

Wm Thomas Esq

Dear Sir — Yours of 29th is rec'd. With order for some [illegible] to be [illegible] When [illegible] We [illegible] turn out before the middle of October [illegible] hope you [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] — Please [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

Wm R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Aug 30/48

Messrs Kendall Richardson & Co

Gent. Yours of 28th is rec'd.

We will try to get the Gang H. out by the 25th proxo. and should like to know how long before you must have the Backs gang No 12. We presume you meant to number the H. Gang 13 as we have already one No 10. We shall not be able to make the Item to which you alluded —

Respectfully Yours

Wm R. Rotch Treas

Thos Burgess Esq 30.1.1

[illegible]

Messrs Richardson & Co 30/1

[illegible]

New Bedford Aug 31. 1848

Messrs Harvey & Wyman

Gent. — Above I send you an Invoice of Eighty-four Boxes Candles which I hope you will be able to sell promptly at good rates — I hope you have closed the Spring oil. If not should advise you doing so at the best rate you can get, at once. It will not stand as well as fall oil and should therefore be sold during this warm weather — Hoping soon to hear from you with sales of little oil & candles

I remain yr truly — Wm. J. Rotch

New Bedford [illegible] 2nd Sept. 1848

Chas. B. [illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible] Annexed you find Invoice of [illegible] which I have shipped you by [illegible] Clay — I should have sent it before but have been out of them. I hope you will be able to dispose of these [illegible] soon and send me [illegible] for it. We are better supplied with the former than the latter which in this market sell at the market rates —

Yours truly Wm J Rotch

Yr letter informing of the sale of the Candles is rec'd. The price is low but perhaps as well as should be —

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New Bedford 9 mo 1st. 1848.

Messrs Burr & Smith

Gentm

We hand annexed invoice of 90 Coils Cordage — 89 of which per the Ship Summary & 1 Coil marked on Sally Burr & Smith Warren R.I. 3½ thd Manila for your acct as ordered in your favors 6 mo. 10th & 25th all of which we trust will arrive in order and give satisfaction. We have banded the Lines as you will notice as light as possible.

Very Respectfully

L. A. Plummer

New Bed Cordage Co

New Bedford 9 mo 1st 1846

Wm & James Smith
Boston

We have shipped hence [illegible]
90 Bbls [illegible] - 89 of which pr the Ship [illegible]
1 Bbl marked on [illegible] Wm & James Smith [illegible]
for your acct as advised in your favor 8 mo [illegible]
all of which we trust will arrive in [illegible] and give you
satisfaction - We have [illegible] the [illegible] as you [illegible]
as light as possible.

Resp[illegible] yours
J. H. [illegible]
New Bedford [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 3rd 1841

R. D. Hull Esq

Dear Sir Enclosed I hand you [illegible] Check [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Please [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

Wm R. Rotch Treas

New Bedford Sept 3rd 1841

C. Williams Esq

Dear Sir [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] order [illegible]

[illegible] the time [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] we can [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] consideration [illegible]

[illegible] arrangement [illegible]

Yrs truly [illegible]

[illegible] Treas

Wm R. Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford Sept 2d 1844

B B Haskell Esq —

Dear Sir — Yours of 31st [illegible]

I have no fear of competition from Norway. We have now so many orders that I should not be willing to engage another Vessel before November —

Yrs truly

[illegible] Rotch [illegible]

New Bedford 9 mo 4th 1845

John Deane Esqr

Dear Sir

We send you to Boston this day two Gangs of Cordage for B. B. Haskell Waldoboro Me.

73	Coils Marked & Weighing	10,783
54	" " S. "	7735
127	Coils Cordage Weighing —	18,518 lb

Capt [illegible] Winchenbach has orders to call on you for the same on his arrival in Boston. Please deliver it as he will direct

Yours Respy

[illegible]

New Bed Cordage Co

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New Bedford Sept 4. 1848

Mess. Kendall & Richardson &c

Yrs ... We shall endeavor to get the orders out in season — As regards other orders we may be able to take some in October. If you can put off contracting for two or three weeks we can talk about it — There was no time mentioned in yr letter for the delivery of Gang 12 — Will you therefore inform us about it — Gang No 10 is done & we shall forward it as soon as we hear from Dennis & Lawson —

Yrs truly ... Rotch ...

New Bedford 9 mo 5. 1848 —

B. B. Haskell Esqr
Dear Sir

We wrote you last evening to care Saml L. Capen Boston as directed — to day we enclose you drawing of the two gangs cutting marked G and S. for Robt Miller, others and Geo. Spinel Rolling. Will write you as soon as we can see our way clear to turn out another gang at this time we should not be willing to engage a gang to be delivered within two months.

Yours Respectfully
S. A. Plummer
New Bedford Cordage Co.

[illegible]

New Bedford 9mo 5. 1846

B. B. Hawthorn Esqr

Dear Sir

We wrote you last evening [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

New Bedford 9 mo 11th 18[illegible]

Messrs Hemenway & [illegible]

[illegible] Mr [illegible]

We [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

has [illegible]

[illegible] Howland [illegible]

[illegible]

have taken [illegible]

[illegible] and think it [illegible]

[illegible] to Mr [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] sincerely

[illegible]

New Bedford 9 mo 11th 18[illegible]

Messrs [illegible]

Esteemed Fr[illegible] We have this day [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] No 10 [illegible]

[illegible] 4 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] B. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 9 mo 11th 1848

Paid

John Deane Esqr

Dear Sir New Bedford 9 mo 12. 1848

C. G. Shepherd We send [illegible] to Boston this day, a Gang [illegible] Cordage 94 Coils marked [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] Deane [illegible] you to receive for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] freight by first vessel 50 Barrels [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] to of a light color and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in New York of R. [illegible] [illegible] and usually [illegible] a good article [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] obtain it from them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] along to us by the first vessel [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] receipt of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yours Respy
[illegible] Hemmenway
New Bedford Cordage Co

New Bedford 9 mo 13. 1848

Messrs Alsop [illegible] Patterson & Co

Gentlemen

We have this day made a draft on you at sight without grace payable to our own order for Fifteen Hundred Dollars (1500.) which please protect and oblige

Yours Respy
L. A. [illegible]
Clerk N. B. Cordage Co

Paid

New Bedford 9 mo 15. 1848

C. G. Shepherd Esqr

Dear Sir

We wish you to purchase for our account and send forward by first vessel 50 Barrels Rope makers Tar – it should be of a light color and curdly. We have sometimes bot. in New York of R. M. Blackwell & Co and usually recd a good article perhaps you may obtain it from them now. at any rate send it along to us by the first vessel as we are waiting out. Reply on receipt of this letter and write us and oblige

Yours Respy

[illegible]

[illegible] & Co

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Sent

New Bedford 9 Mo 15. 18[illegible]

C. H. Macpherson Esqr

Dear Sir

We wrote you to procure for our account and have forwarded by first vessel 50 Barrels [illegible] [illegible] Tea - at [illegible] [illegible] of a light Color and quality. We have [illegible] [illegible] the New York of R. M. Blackwell & Co [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] perhaps you may obtain it from them at any rate think it advisable to try the first season [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] receipt of this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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New Bedford Sept [illegible]

Mr Thomas [illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible]

5th are received - the care [illegible]

in all the Sacks at once and [illegible]

[illegible]

quence of the rise in the Hemp we [illegible]

obliged to advance the price [illegible]

Our price for [illegible]

[illegible] Manilla 12½ - If you [illegible]

to take them at [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

you need it and where we shall send it -

American Hemp is rising [illegible] and

we look for further advance in price [illegible]

[illegible] place [illegible] the [illegible]

the order [illegible] we will make it plain

Manilla - Our 10½ & 12½ - Truly [illegible]

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New Bedford Sept 16. 1847

J Rowland Esq

Dear Sir —

yr of 14th is recd

Contents noted. It is true that "Beaver

Meadow Coal" or Coal so called is selling

here and I shall look out for it —

I would now request you to forward

me at the lowest freight you can find &

as soon as possible the 100 tons of Egg size

Coal ordered by the N.B. Cordage Co — for the

amount of it you may draw on me at

4 mos adding interest from time of delivery

as I suppose is your custom — Please inform

me of its Shipment that I may effect

insurance and also whether you would

send me some more of the Egg size instead

of an equal quantity of the smaller size

ordered by the N.B. Cordage Co — As we had

purchased some of that size in consequence

of our supposed inability to obtain yours

it may be more desirable to have the Egg

size instead of the whole quantity of smaller

size ordered — An early reply will much

oblige yrs very Respectfully Wm Rotch Jr

N.B. Corder Co

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Mess. Bussard Adams [illegible]
[illegible] of Hemp [illegible] Mr [illegible] that [illegible]
contract on the 9 Bales at 175 per [illegible]
[illegible] the purchase of the other [illegible]
[illegible] consider the 9 Bales to [illegible]
[illegible] but we [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to return them [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]	$13\frac{1}{2}$ 4	[illegible]
[illegible]	$13\frac{1}{2}$ 4	
[illegible]	$13\frac{1}{2}$ 4	

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] which will be attended [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] orders [illegible] that we cannot
[illegible] — [illegible] any [illegible] before the [illegible]
of October [illegible] November — [illegible]
price of hemp has advanced [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] such change [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of the price [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] people [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] when they [illegible] the [illegible] —

[illegible] truly [illegible]
[illegible]

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New Bedford Sept 27 18[illegible]

M. Crosby [illegible]

Dear Sir— [illegible] I

annex [illegible] of prices at which we [illegible]

[illegible] cordage [illegible]

[illegible] twine in [illegible] the same

[illegible]

	Tarred Cordage	14	4
	Manilla "	$11\frac{1}{2}$	4
	" Cordage	$13\frac{1}{2}$	4
Russia	Tarred "	$11\frac{1}{2}$	4
Russia	Bolt Rope	$12\frac{1}{2}$	4

Yours truly

Wm. L. Rotch Treas.

N. B. Cordage Co.

New Bedford Oct 17 18[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Truly

Wm. L. Rotch

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Dear Sir:-
5$ — which is credited — [illegible]
when we cannot turn any [illegible]
can we tell just your [illegible] on the way as
to. But if you have any from [illegible]
concerning to whom you would like to see —
[illegible] them off as long as you can and then
write me the Latest day at which they
must be made and we can then decide
whether we can make them or not

Yr truly
W. H. Polk Treas.

Dear Sir:- Above you have
Stmt. Cr. $1295.10/100 Amt. of my note due at
Bank Sept 23rd. Please return me the note
and oblige. Yours truly

W. H. Polk

[illegible] 9 mo 19. 1848

Messrs [illegible] & Co

Gentlemen Please forward us the [illegible] bags ordered & [illegible] due from you [illegible] [illegible] & also the [illegible] bbls [illegible]. As we are rather short of [illegible] we should like to have it forwarded as soon as possible.

Truly

W. R. Rotch Treas

Please notify us of the shipment [illegible] as early as you can conveniently —

New Bedford 9 mo 21 1848

[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir

We have forwarded to Boston [illegible] of Cordage marked A and H as per [illegible] which Messrs [illegible] will desire shipment of from Boston.

Gang H.	77	Coils Cordage	10596 lb
Gang A.	65	"	11892
	142	Coils in all —	22488 lb

Yours Respy

[illegible]

New Bedford Cordage Co

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[illegible] 1846.

[illegible] Wright

Dear Sir — [illegible]

[illegible] noted — [illegible] immediately

I will [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] & Co. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I would [illegible] have

[illegible] Capt. Anthony a

few days purchased [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Beaver Meadow Coal [illegible] 85 — [illegible]

[illegible] the coal was

informed me [illegible] he considered

very superior [illegible] the company

[illegible] coal [illegible]

[illegible] Dealers here [illegible]

[illegible] Meadow Coal [illegible]

[illegible] but I have not as yet heard of any

[illegible] I shall however look out

[illegible] year — [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sept 21. 1846.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir — [illegible]

[illegible] season and have

[illegible] your orders [illegible]

no doubt the [illegible] will be satisfactory

when the cordage is [illegible] examined —

Yours truly [illegible] Treas.

[illegible]
[illegible] Wright [illegible]
Dear Sir [illegible]
[illegible] Noted [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
With regard [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Mr [illegible] have
[illegible] a
[illegible] Beaver [illegible]
[illegible] 35 [illegible]
informed [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Beaten [illegible]
[illegible] Coal [illegible]
[illegible] not as yet heard [illegible]
[illegible] this year – I shall [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 1848.

[illegible]
Dear Sir [illegible]
[illegible] your order [illegible] season and have
no doubt [illegible] will be satisfactory
when the Cordage is [illegible] examined –
Yrs truly
[illegible]

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Philadelphia 9 Mo 1 [illegible] 184[illegible]

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]

Gentlemen

We forward [illegible] two Gangs of Cordage for Messrs [illegible], Richardson, Bath Maine which please send along as [illegible] by them.

1 Gang No 12. marked H. "Bark" for Hallowell

77 Coils Cordage 10596 lb }

1 Gang No 13. marked R. "Ship" for Wiscasset

85 Coils Cordage 11592 lb }

New Bedford Sept 22, 1846

Mr. Thomas [illegible]

Dear Sir [illegible]

[illegible] We shall [illegible] have the [illegible] rather [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] and we get [illegible] you must [illegible] the other [illegible] as the [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] time [illegible]

Yrs Truly

[illegible]

New Bedford Sept 23d 1848

Messrs [illegible] & [illegible]

Gentn — Yr favour of 14 inst & Bill [illegible] rec[eive]d — Annexed you will find N.B. Cordage Co's Note for the amount $[illegible] — Please forward receipt for same and oblige

Yrs truly

Wm. R. Rotch Treasr

New Bedford Sept 23d 1848

Messrs Roberts & Williams

Gentn — Above I hand you N.B. Cordage Co's Note for Twenty nine hundred forty three 63/100 dollars being for your Russia Hemp purchased 9th inst — Please forward receipt to

Yrs Respectfully

Wm. R. Rotch Treasr

New Bedford 9 m. 22d 1848.

Messrs Kendall, Richardson & Co.

Gentm

Enclosed please find Invoices of two gangs of Cordage which were sent to Boston on the 20th inst. with orders to Messrs Dennie & Samson to forward as directed. Say Gang H. for Hallowell. Gang A. for Wiscasset. We shall send along gang No 11 in a few days.

Yours Respy

L. A. Plummer

New Bed Cordage Co

[illegible]

[illegible]

New Bedford 9 mo. 22. 1846.

Messrs Howard Ricketson & Co.
Boston.

Enclosed please find
Invoice of two gangs of Cordage which were sent
to Boston on the 20th inst. with orders to Messrs
Bowie Johnson to forward as directed. One gang
H. for Baltimore. Gang A. for Richmond. We shall have the
other gang in a few days.
Respy
Thy friends
J. H. [illegible]
New Bedford Cordage Co.

474.

New Bedford Cordage Company

New Bedford Mass

New Bedford Cordage Comp.

Jany 2 1847

Incorporated 1846

Sec [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

Wm Rotch Treas

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New Bedford Cordage Company
New Bedford Mass
Jany 1 1847
Letter Press of Wm C. Tabor & Son
Per $10.25

N.B. Cordage Company
Jany 1 1846
Jany 1 1847

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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